

STATE WMU. CAMP ATTRACTS ATTENDANCE OF 2,464

The Mississippi Baptist W. M. U. Camp held Aug. 20-28 drew a record attendance of 2,464 different people, according to Miss Edwina Robinson, state W. M. U. executive secretary, who directed the event.

Four hundred and two churches located in 72 associations were represented at the leadership camp for newly-elected local W. M. U. officers. Over the week-end during the camp a house party was held

for the night circles, formerly referred to as Business Women's Circles. "Laborers Together" was the theme throughout. Principal speakers included Miss Theresa Anderson, mission-

ary to the Philippines; Miss Mary Christian, mission book editor of the Sunday School Board, Nashville, and Rev. and Mrs. Elton Moore, Mississippians who are missionaries to Indonesia.

Conference leaders included Mrs. J. T. Lyons, state president as well as several other state and district officers and members of the staff of the State W. M. U. Office.

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Church Membership At Record High

NEW YORK (RNS) — Church membership in the United States reached a new high of 104,189,678 in 1957, a gain of 964,724 members over the previous year. This means that 61 out of every 100 Americans of all ages are members of a church or synagogue.

For the first time since World War II, the membership percentage increase was lower than that estimated for the population as a whole. Last year church membership rose by 0.9 per cent, while the population rise was estimated at 1.7 per cent. In 1956, when 62 out of every 100 Americans were reported to have church affiliation, the membership increase was 3 per cent, nearly twice that of the population rise. However, this year's 61 per cent figure is the second highest on record.

The statistics are from the Yearbook of American Churches for 1958, published by the National Council of Churches.

Of the grand total with religious affiliation, 59,823,777 are Protestants, 35,846,477 Roman Catholics, 5,500,000 Jews, 2,540,446 Eastern Orthodox, and 273,692 Old Catholics and Polish National Catholics. The Moslems, who numbered 20,000 in 1956, did not report any statistics for 1957.

Official Reports

(The Roman Catholic Church considers all persons who are baptized, including infants, to be church members. Most Protestant church bodies count only those young people and adults who have attained full membership, all but a small minority of these being over 13 years of age. The two major exceptions are the Lutheran bodies and the Protestant Episcopal Church which now report all baptized persons.)

The figures are based on official reports provided by 255 religious bodies of the 267 listed in the Yearbook. The one notable body not reporting was the Church of Christ, Scientist. A regulation of this Church forbids "the numbering of people and reporting such statistics for publication."

Eighty-two of the reporting church bodies, the compilation discloses, account for over 98 per cent of the total church members—102,551,623.

The largest Protestant church body is The Methodist Church, with 9,543,245 members. Second is the Southern Baptist Convention with 8,956,756 members. Ranking third is the National Baptist Convention, U.S.A., Inc. (Negro) with 4,557,416.

Baptists Lead

In major Protestant "family" groupings, Baptists lead with nearly 20,000,000 members of 27 different church bodies. Next are Methodists with 12,059,400

members in 22 bodies; Lutherans with 7,529,773 in 19 bodies; and Presbyterians with 4,043,052 in 10 bodies.

The Yearbook shows that a majority of American Protestants belong to denominations that are members of the National Council of Churches. This agency, with a constituency of 33 church bodies, embraces memberships totaling 38,392,588—up nearly 1,000,000 for the year.

Other tables in the Yearbook show:

A total of 40,359,772 enrolled in Sunday or Sabbath Schools, with 230 churches reporting, a gain of 1.1 per cent over 1956. Of this number, some 3,000,000 are church school teachers and other religious education workers. Protestants number 92.5 per cent of total enrollees.

228,281 Clergymen

Just as many adults, 24 years and over, were in religious education classes as children 3 to 11 — over 12,000,000 in each group. The youth group between 11 and 24 totaled 7,000,000. The "cradle roll" numbered 3,000,000. (These are figures for 1956.)

At least 306,893 places of worship, 255 bodies reporting.

A total of 228,281 clergymen in charge of local churches reported by 226 bodies. There are 355,853 ordained clergymen, including those retired and those

engaged in non-pastoral work. An increase of 9.9 per cent in church contributions for all purposes. Fifty-two Protestant and Eastern Orthodox churches — the only denominations that make such figures available —

reported contributions for 1957 totaling \$2,043,711,555, or \$56.74 per capita.

A new high of \$868,000,000 in church construction, topping the previous year's peak by \$93,000,000.

Finnish Baptists Adjust To Change

By Gaines S. Dobbins
Golden Gate Seminary
Berkeley, California

When I was a boy, I read stories of the frozen north and the land of the midnight sun. I pictured Finland as snow-covered and ice-bound, inhabited mainly by polar bears and wolves, and where it was daylight all the time. The real Finland is of course far different. It does get bitter cold in winter — 40 degrees below zero at times — and we drove at midnight without headlights; but Finland in summer is green and beautiful and its people are highly intelligent and socially and industrially progressive.

Baptists of Finland are or-

ganized in two conferences or conventions — Finnish-speaking and Swedish-speaking. At one time efforts were made to combine them, but the language barrier proved too difficult. The Finnish churches have about 1200 members, the Swedish-speaking about 1800. There are no marked differences of doctrine or policy — they just can't speak each other's language. Thus it was our privilege to attend the one convention at Vihtavuori, about 200 miles north of Helsinki, and the other at Vaasa, another hundred miles north.

Met In Widow's Home
At Vihtavuori we were guests in the home of a woman twice-
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BWA Team Sees Asian Misery

By Josephine Robertson
Writer, The Cleveland Plain Dealer Via News Service

CALCUTTA, India — (BWA) — We of the Baptist World Alliance medical mission thought that the depths of human misery were in Pusan, Korea — until we came here.

Here we saw Sealdah Railroad Station, where an estimated 9,000 refugees live hopelessly or escape by dying. They crowd like animals on the floor of the station or curl up in cardboard or grass-mat shelters of dog kennel size along the fences or walls outside.

There are almost no sanitary facilities in this city of squatters. There are no cooking facilities, except that some of the more fortunate who own a kettle have built up mud craters on the concrete in which they cook a stew from ingredients obtained by begging or through charitable organizations such as the Salvation Army or Red Cross.

A small government dispensary in the station treats accidents and illness 24 hours a day, but this is as though one soldier were pitted against an army.

People In Need

The sick lie on the floor leav-

ing scarcely a passageway for the public going to and from trains, or for the children of refugees, who beg from the public. We saw people obviously in their last extremity, without any person to cover their nakedness or curtain their last moments.

Few hospitals have beds or pallets for the hopelessly sick. They take only those who have a chance for recovery, and there is not room enough even for these. Once death has occurred, the government removes the body and promptly disposes of it.

We went afterward to a university hospital, in Calcutta, and wedged our way through an orthopedic ward. Not only were there two rows of closely set beds with heads against the long walls, but a row of beds, head against foot, down the center aisle, leaving room for only relatively lean people to walk sideways through the remaining space.

Such walking had to be done with care to avoid brushing the patients on the beds and stepping on the patients under the beds or on the floor at doorways.

Comparison Difficult

The Rev. E. G. T. Madge, minister of the Lower Circular Road Baptist Church, told us later "it is easy to compare the best in the United States with the worst in India," and asked that instead we realize "that India has made remarkable progress in the short time of its independence and is earnestly planning to improve the health of its people."

"Remember," he said, "that there are not enough hospitals, and this hospital takes everybody brought to its doors. The reasoning is that it is better that a sick person receive treatment on the floor than that he be turned away without medical

care."

The crowded problem on Calcutta's streets has been intensified, it was explained by the immigration of refugee Hindus from Pakistan, which is now a Moslem state.

Cleanliness Problem
Cleanliness is still a problem in some hospitals because of the taboos of the Hindu caste system which considers sweepers and sanitation workers as defiled by the nature of their
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The Call Of State Missions

AN EDITORIAL

The 12-page copy of The Baptist Record which you hold in your hand is the largest edition of the paper in seven years. The extra four page section this week presents the challenge of state missions.

If all of the columns of all 87,993 copies of this week's paper (circulation gain of 12) were laid end to end they would stretch 2,333 miles. That covers a lot of territory. But in the interest of such a worthy cause as missions in Mississippi it is well worth the effort.

The purpose of this presentation is simple. All of this is to encourage you and your church to give generously to the two state mission offerings coming up in a few days: (1) State Mission Day in the Sunday School, Sunday, Sept. 14; and (2) the WMU State Mission Season of Prayer offering, Sept. 15-21.

IN PHOTO ABOVE Miss Emogene Harris of Brandon (left) purchases a yearbook from Miss Willie Nell McCarthy of Petal during the State W. M. U. Camp held Aug. 20-28 at Camp Garaywa. In picture just below is seen the program personnel on the stage during one of the sessions with Mrs. J. T. Lyons, McComb, state W. M. U. president, presiding. Second photo below pictures the audience during one of the meetings.



LEADERS DURING the State W. M. U. Camp at Garaywa as seen by the cameraman include, from left: Mrs. Ned Rice, Charleston, former state president; Miss Edwina Robinson, state executive secretary; Mrs. J. T. Lyons, McComb, state president; Mrs. Parker Lamb, Meridian, president District Six, and Mrs. Ray Kuykendall, Newton, vice-president District Six.

Finnish Baptists -

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widowed — her first husband a war casualty, the second a victim of tuberculosis. We were told that one of sixteen of Finland's population was a war casualty, one of seventeen women widowed, one child of twenty-five was orphaned. The beds in this humble home were hard and uncomfortable; but they seemed soft and luxurious when, next morning, we learned that this dear woman and her daughter had slept on the floor in the kitchen in order that her guests might have the beds.

Finland, with a population of only four million, is the most isolated of the Scandinavian countries. It is predominately rural. The evening meeting was held in a big one-room church building and, but for the strange language, we might well have thought we were in a country district association meeting in Kentucky or Mississippi. The day sessions were held in the public school auditorium — modern in every respect. There were reports and music, speeches and music, sermons and music, discussions and music.

Finland has had a long night of religious neglect. Pray that Baptists may find the way to bring in now a long day of religious awakening, when the sun of righteousness will shine at noon and at midnight.

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LEFT TO RIGHT: Harry Daniels, pastor; Carl Cooper, Sunday School Superintendent; Jerry Richardson, Training Union Director; Nancy Hamill, W. M. U. president; John Paul Lee, chairman of deacons; and Jim Allen, Brotherhood president.

Youth Week At Carthage

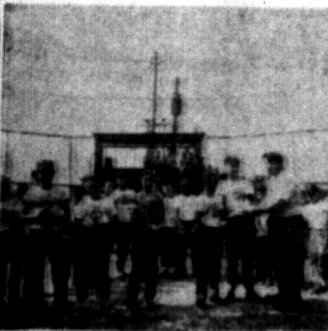
A full corps of Youth Workers were selected to serve at First Church, Carthage, August 17-24. At the beginning of the worship hour Sunday evening, August 17, Kermit Sanders, Training Union Director, presented the key of the church to Harry Daniels, youth pastor, and his team of workers.

Chapparral Ordains Two Deacons

Chapparral Church, Wayne Association, ordained two deacons, Levi Duvall and J. T. Chapman, Sunday, August 17. Those taking part in the service were Rev. Charles Hollifield, pastor Calvary Church at Waynesboro; Rev. George Canzoneri, pastor Buckatanna Church; Rev. Lewis Stewart, pastor Clear Creek Church, Shubuta; and the pastor, Rev. Howard Taylor.

Brotherhood Department

W. R. ROBERTS, Secretary
R. L. HOWELL, Royal Ambassador Counselor



Above is shown the Royal Ambassador baseball team captains receiving participation trophies from Brother Robert E. Dixon for their respective teams at the close of the Royal Ambassador baseball season in Hinds County. This presentation was made at the recent Hinds County Royal Ambassador Associational Conclave at Calvary Baptist Church with 150 Royal Ambassadors and Counselors attending. Boys from Parkway Baptist Church were the season champions. Following the all-star baseball game Dr. J. Clark Hensley, Hinds Superintendent of Missions, was the principal speaker.

first Royal Ambassador baseball league for Hinds County. They are: Earl Hanbury, Association of Royal Ambassador leader for Hinds, Travis Dukes, West Jackson Baptist Church; Umpire-in-chief, Robert E. Dixon, Calvary Baptist Church, Minister of Christian Recreation, Dick Rushing, Parkway Baptist Church; Royal Ambassador Counselor, and Charles Clark, West Jackson Baptist Church, Royal Ambassador Ball League Commissioner.

S. N. LOWREY, DEACON, DIES IN LAUREL

Mr. S. N. Lowry, trustee and deacon of First Church, Laurel, for 34 years, died at a local hospital August 11, 1958. Born in Forrest County in 1883, he was ordained a deacon 50 years ago. After the loss of a son, Morgan, in action during World War II, Mr. Lowry established a memorial fund which has been used each year to send some young person to Training Union Assembly at Ridgecrest.

Survivors include his second wife, Mrs. Nancy McRaney Lowry, three sons, George of New Orleans, Warren of Memphis, and Terrell of Boonton, N. J., and two sisters, Mrs. Henry Gray, Hattiesburg, and Mrs. Archie Jordan of Ellisville.

Services were conducted from the First Baptist Church with the pastor, Rev. T. R. McKibbens, officiating.



Above are some of the men who have been instrumental in organizing and promoting the



AVARICIOUS JEWELER JOE NEWTON (left) deserts Christian teachings and begins the vicious business dealings which lead him to wealth. Perhaps too late, however, he suddenly understands the meaning of Christ's parable of "The Rich Fool" as he faces death ironically imprisoned amid his fortune in his own airtight jewelry vault. The suspense-filled drama, "This Night," is an episode in the dramatic television series "THIS IS THE ANSWER," produced by the Southern Baptist Radio and Television Commission.

Boyce G. Kimball Ordained

Rev. Boyce G. Kimball was recently ordained to the gospel ministry by the Clinton Church at the request of the Rocky Hill Church of Wesson, where he has been called as pastor.

The charge to the candidate was given by Dr. J. M. Lannon. Rev. Russell M. McIntire, pastor of the Clinton Church, preached the ordination sermon and Dr. D. M. Nelson led the ordaining prayer. After the laying on of the hands by the presbytery, Dr. N. W. Carpenter led the dismissal prayer.

Mr. Kimball is a student at Mississippi College. He is married and has two children.



Dr. Irving E. Rouse

Former College President Dies

Dr. Irving E. Rouse, 63, former president of William Carey College in Hattiesburg, died at 10:30 a. m. on Friday of last week at Memorial Hospital in Tallahassee, Fla.

He had been in poor health for the past year and had been hospitalized for the past six weeks.

Dr. Rouse had made his home in Tallahassee since resigning as president of Carey in 1956. Services were held at 10:30 a. m. Saturday at First Baptist Church in Tallahassee. The body was carried to Louisville, Miss., for burial Sunday afternoon. Services were held at the First Baptist Church in Louisville. The service was conducted by Rev. Vernon May, pastor of the First Church, Louisville, assisted by Rev. Andy Tate, former professor at Carey College, and now retired at St. Petersburg, Fla.

Dr. Rouse was born in Poplarville, graduated from Pearl River County AHS and Mississippi College and served in the Navy during World War I. He represented Pearl River County in the state legislature in 1920-24, then entered and graduated from Southern Baptist Seminary, Louisville, Ky.

Former Pastor
He served as pastor of Hazlewood Baptist Church in Louisville, Ky., then as Dean of Hazard Baptist College in Hazard, Ky., before coming to Hattiesburg as pastor of Fifth Avenue Baptist (now Temple) Church.

After five years in this pastorate he accepted the presidency of Mississippi Women's College when it was reopened in 1946. Under his leadership the college became a co-education institution and the name was changed to William Carey. The new library at Carey dedicated last year was named in

Baptist Briefs

FALMOUTH, Va. (RNS) — American churches need to study the rapidly changing character of rural life in America in order to save their small rural churches from extinction, Rep. Brooks Hays (D-Ark.) president of the Southern Baptist Convention, warned here.

SYDNEY, Australia (RNS) — Australian churches want Billy Graham's crusade here early next year to reach every section of the country, Archbishop H. W. K. Mowll, Anglican Primate of Australia, said.

MINNEAPOLIS (RNS) — Communism and socialism "are making decided inroads into the churches of America," a resolution adopted by the 99th annual meeting of the Minnesota Baptist Convention (Conservative) here said.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BPN) — An inside view of political life is revealed by a well-known Southern Congressman, Brooks Hays of Arkansas, in a new book, "The World: A Christian's Workshop."

A registration of 2,564 is the highest on record for Home Mission Week at Ridgecrest, August 14-20. The week was highlighted by the preaching of Billy Graham, August 14 and 15, and C. E. Autry, August 16-19, and the Bible teaching of Courts Redford.

BOSTON (RNS) — The memory of Herman "Babe" Ruth was honored here at Fenway Park in a minute of silent prayer by some 35,000 baseball fans. The tribute commemorated the tenth anniversary of the death of the "king of swat."

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Spiritual Emphasis Prevails At State Penitentiary

This I Saw

By INMATE NO. 22805

Mississippi State Penitentiary
Two weeks ago, I had that rare privilege of attending a baptismal service, and watching thirty-three inmates as they culminated their own personal road to Christ. Let me tell you what I saw.

The event took place at the out-doors baptistry here at Parchman, under the auspices of Rev. R. B. Hicks, Chaplain, on a Sunday morning, about 8:30. The baptistry itself, is a long tank made of used brick and cement by convicts and has steps leading in and out of each end.

My own particular phase of the services consisted of meeting the newly baptized convert and leading him down the outgoing steps as I checked the name from a roll-call roster.

Two Women Inmates

Since two of the women inmates were to be baptized also, all of the Women's Camp was present and they sang two spirituals during the services.

We had visitors, but none of the kind that usually group together as scoffers or cynics. These were humble people in honest worship of their Lord.

It was an amazing and glorious feeling to see and feel the presence of God at these services, as the firm kindly voice of Rev. Hicks carried the words: "I baptize thee in the name of the Father, the Son, and of the Holy Ghost, Amen."

Take Public Stand

Bear in mind now that these men and women who were par-

ticipating in the service were the very same ones who were locked away from society for its own protection. Almost all of them had followed a road of ruin and self-destruction most of their lives. Yet, here in prison, facing the jibes and scorn of the calloused and hardened, they have publicly taken their stand for Christ and have gone forward to this great ordinance.

Since Chaplain Hicks has been assigned to this duty these past twenty-six months, there have been over eight hundred men and women to climb up from the degradation of prison into life eternal, and almost a score of men have received baptismal and last rites on death row.

When a man can and does sing a hymn of praise and hope while he sits in the man-made chair of death, then you may feel sure that God is with him and he is with God.

Age of Miracles

Yet, modernistic super-educated men have dared to stand before velvet pulpits in air-conditioned churches under false lights and declare that the age of miracles closed with the Apostles' time and that God no longer works living miracles for the world to see and learn from!

All that I can say to refute their lofty statements is this: Come to prison, sick, ashamed, friendless, without hope or faith, and seek here the consolation that the presence of God gives, and you shall see and feel the miracle that is God's doing today.



CHAPLAIN R. B. HICKS prepares for a baptismal service at the State Penitentiary, Parchman.

\$400 Goes To Mission Work At Penitentiary

Mississippi Baptists have a share in the religious program at the State Penitentiary that is portrayed in word and pictures on this page of this week's issue of the Baptist Record.

An allocation of \$400 has been made out of this year's State Mission budget for the purchase of religious supplies at the institution.

30,000 Awards To Be Asked From State Offices

The two new 30,000 Award Certificates for new churches and missions are to be requested from state mission officers. One award is for the mother church and the mission. The other award is for use by the new church and the mother church.

In requesting an award for a new mission, it will be necessary to give the name of the mother church, the name of the mission being sponsored, the date the mission was started. In requesting an award for a new church, the name of the mother church, the new church, and the date the new church was constituted must be given.

Address your request to Dr. Joe T. Odle, Associate Executive Secretary, P. O. Box 530, Jackson 5, Mississippi.

Hugh Wamble Enrolls At Duke

Hugh Wamble, one of the 13 professors dismissed recently at Southern Seminary in the clash with the administration, has enrolled at Duke University for special study as planned several months ago.

Southern Seminary authorized a sabbatical leave last January for the 1958-59 school year. Dr. Wamble has a fellowship and is studying in the field of American Christianity.



SUPERINTENDENT BILL HARPOLE of the State Penitentiary at Parchman confers with an inmate in front of the Administration Building.



CHAPLAIN R. B. HICKS of the State Penitentiary at Parchman is seen with two inmates in front of the hospital.

250,000 Bible Portions Floated Into Russian Satellite Countries

The sixth annual launching of gospel-laden balloons from the border of West Germany into Russia and satellite countries was accomplished in mid-July, according to a report from Evangelist Billy James Hargis. Some 250,000 portions of the Bible, translated into six languages, were released from an unidentified launching site.

"The balloons," reports Hargis, have repeatedly caused great concern to Iron Curtain governments, resulting in orders to border guards to shoot them down and confiscate the Bible portions.

"The gospels of St. John and St. Mark are the main portions of the Bible which are thus transported, together with study helps to explain the gospels and copies of sermons applicable to the oppressed people, wherein Christianity and its benefits are stressed and care is taken to avoid any strain of political propaganda."

Details are now being worked out for a similar launching of balloons into Red China, with the full approval and support of the government of the Republic of China. Hargis visits.

'A Day In Prison'

By R. B. HICKS
Chaplain, State Penitentiary

I opened my Daily Log and his day came into my sight—Saturday—summertime at Parchman—rainy and cool.

Up at 5:30 and prepared for another day with the prayer that God would lead me to those who needed Him.—At the office by 7:30 and I have several letters waiting to be answered.

Among them is a letter from the County Welfare Agent telling me of the plight of an inmate's family following a fire in their home. I will see this man today and see what I can do for him. Another letter from a fine lady and friend from the South of the State. She has sent us some books and literature. I thank her for her interest in the inmates and their needs.

Next, I have my notes to fulfill from my daily visits among the men, and have one that needs the personal action of the Superintendent. Since his office is always open to me, I go to him with the man's problem and I know that it will be answered.

Ministers Visit

Three young men are visiting the penitentiary this morning and I call them at breakfast to tell them that I have arranged for services at four camps this morning. These are newly ordained ministers and I shall enjoy hearing their approach to the men.

We split into two groups and after the first service is over it is an awed and quiet group of young men who meet to go to the next camps. Now they know why God sent them here. God calls for workers and uses them.

Services are soon over and so is the morning as we meet for prayer at the office. Once more four men and one woman inmate have accepted Christ as their personal Saviour and have asked to be baptized. They will be this month as the schedule permits.

Man On Death Row

In the afternoon, I kept an appointment with a man on death-row to pray with him and in the evening I held another service at Camp One.

This has not been an exceptional day. Just another average one, in the life of a prison Chaplain, given to the Lord in His way. Once more today God has helped a criminal to become a Child of Christ and in so doing has accepted him as His own.

Religious Emphasis Results Evident

By CHAPLAIN HICKS

One can't measure in words or money the amount of good that has been accomplished at Parchman as a result of the great new program of emphasis on religion and church.

I can quote figures such as over 800 baptized inmates; over 900 attending Sunday schools and church services each week. Or I could figure the percentage of men that are returning to us after they have been in this program and show a decided decrease.

I could tell of the men who are studying today in the world who have been here and decided to preach the Gospel of Christ. All of these things are true.

What God Has Wrought

But for me to measure in terms of value how much good is accomplished when just one individual with life-long criminal tendencies stands before his fellow inmates with tears in his eyes and declares that he does accept Christ and asks for the rites of baptism; when he stops listening to stories of crime and undergoes a complete change of personal habits and thoughts, and is able to leave prison and never to return unless it is as a visitor to tell of some work that he is accomplishing for the Lord, then I am not to add up the monetary value of that metamorphosis.

It is beyond value to him, to you, and to God. Multiply this one change by thirty-five or forty and see how much God has wrought here.

Unfortunately, crime and prison population will continue! A growing amount of young first offenders are coming to us. A lot of them cannot tell me what is meant by salvation according to God!

One even thought that if he could sing songs he would be saved! They have never heard the plan of salvation! They can wire a car, shoot pool, play any kind of card game, but they have never been taught that Christ died for them! No morals show no teaching!

Many Help In Work At Penitentiary

By CHAPLAIN HICKS

Here, in prison, with a congregation of 2,000 men and women inmates plus the spiritual needs of some 200 employee families, there is a need and an urgent one for the work of the Lord to be accomplished.

Many fine people, laymen and ministers, have come to us as visitors and have helped with whatever they are able to do.

For their help and prayers I am deeply grateful. At the present time four young ordained men from Greenville are coming each Sunday and preaching in some of the camps. Another young man, a seminary student, also helps us.

The only source that we have for literature and reading materials is the contributions that are made to us from so many fine folk and organizations throughout the state. Our need for Bibles for new men and for requests is never-ending.

Hold Hobby Show

Cash contributions from those who are able have been the means from which we are able to hold a yearly Hobby Show, give each inmate a Christmas package and pay for the repairs and upkeep of the few musical instruments that we have.

One of our big needs for the Chaplain's department falls at Christmas time when we need money and materials for trees and their decorations.

We do receive some Christmas cards for the inmates' use, but we do need more helpers in this field.

Prayers and help are needed for the inmates' redemption in the State are needed for us to continue forging ahead in the way of God's Salvation for all of the men and women of this institution.

A Message From The Superintendent

By BILL HARPOLE
Supt. State Penitentiary
Parchman

It has been my desire, and the desire of the administration of this institution that religious activities take a definite place in the lives of the inmates. These desires are being well met in all respects by those so charged with them.

We are proud of the fact that all denominations who have been to us are able to talk and visit with the inmates who share their beliefs. We are proud of the interest and immeasurable help that has come to us from so many different sources.

Were it not for the churches, womens clubs and various other contributors who have supported the various projects with their donations, we could have no bands, no Hobby Show to give an outlet for creative ability and talent, no Christmas program of giving lifts to all the inmates and no feeling of self-improvement among the inmates.

Crossroads

A prison is either a place where reformation and self-changing takes place, or it is a place to learn of new and terrible ways to commit more crime. A prison is the crossroads of the individual and it is for him to decide upon which road he chooses to travel.

We hope that by emphasizing Christian love, charity, and faith, the men who accept these principles in their lives will be saved from further crime and punishment.

I would like to say thank to The Baptist Record for this opportunity to tell the general public of our great fight that is being waged here for the glory of God, and to thank the many fine people in the State who have helped us to carry this work forward.

If there is any group or individuals who are interested in helping this effort, they may feel free to contact the Chaplain or me here at the Mississippi State Penitentiary, Parchman, Mississippi.

New Albany First Banquet Speaker

Bryant Cummins, new Sunday School Secretary for the state of Mississippi will be the speaker at an Officers and Teachers Banquet on Monday night September the 29th.

More than 150 are expected to attend. Plans will be presented which will enlarge the Sunday School as well as other activities of the church.

Dr. J. Wm. Harbin is pastor, George Van Egmond, Director of Music and Education.

Minor Sorber's Conversion Key Factor In Winning Of Many Others On Death Row

By KERMIT CANTERBURY
Pastor Griffith Memorial
Church, Jackson

Sometimes God gives strange and unwelcome assignments to His preachers. Such a call came to me one evening in 1952 when the ordinarily quiet little town of Charleston, Mississippi was afire with the excitement of the capture of five escapees from an Ohio prison who robbed a Weona store in Memphis.

I did not want to carry out my impulse to visit the local jail, however, obedience to the compunction to at least witness

to these men, led to a series of most rewarding events. While it has been a rich experience to hear a profession of faith from a number of men on Death Row, my own life has been blessed as each imparted something to my own spiritual increase.

A series of experiences evolved—all hinging upon one single act of obeying the Holy Spirit as he led me to the Charleston jail and to one prisoner in particular, Minor Sorber. Minor was not very promising on that

deal was, I thought, closed.

Minor Condemned

A year later another page of the original assignment was handed me. Minor was condemned to death in the Indianola court-room for his part in the slaying of Sunny McGraw. After sentence was pronounced, I spoke to Minor. This time he was more responsive and I promised to visit him often in the Greenwood jail to which he was assigned.

Bibles, literature, small gifts from the church in Indianola

where I was then pastor, were material mediums through which I and many praying friends attempted to reveal Christ. While Minor, making his profession of faith, received a blessing, we, who were used of God, were also blessed.

Subsequent events—an attempt suicide, and a violent escape from the Hinds County jail cast reflection upon Sorber's profession. We may here be reminded that many with far more light and experience have failed at crucial moments.

From those experiences, en-

couraged by continued concern and prayer, Sorber, while on Death Row, for more than a year came into a satisfying relation with the Lord. His testimony was a key factor in the conversion of Gallego, Wetzel, L'Apointaine, and others on Death Row.

I am so glad I accepted my assignment that day and that the fine people in Indianola helped in developing the assignment. I shall never look upon a man as an "abstract evil" but as a hungry, dying child who needs God.

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Mississippi Missions

Each week during this entire year **The Baptist Record** is following a schedule of feature articles presenting in detail the many causes which your mission money supports right here in Mississippi. Among them is the amazing story of work among the prisoners at the state penitentiary presented on page 3 of this week's issue.

It is our hope that these features will provide you the information you need for intelligent support of Mississippi causes.

Baptist Bible Experts

In connection with Israel's 10th anniversary as a nation the Israeli Broadcasting Service has sponsored the first International Bible Quiz.

The event was held at the Hebrew University in Jerusalem and was well covered by the world press.

One notable fact in this interesting encounter was that two of the leading contestants were Baptists.

Myrtle Davis, 49, a Southern Baptist school teacher from Buford, Ga., represented the United States and tied for seventh place.

Second place winner was Simone Dumont, a Baptist teacher and publisher of children's books from France.

First place winner was a blind Hebrew orphan from Jerusalem.

Not all Baptists are expert in Bible knowledge. Indeed, there are times when it appears that we might average out at a new world's record in ignorance. But along comes such an incident as this contest and we are reminded in a dramatic and impressive way that Baptists people are devoted to God's Book. It still holds first place in our studies and intellectual pursuits.

Which Comes First, Church Or Home?

(First of a Series)

In his book, **On Being Your Best**, G. Curtis Jones tells of a real estate agent who tries to sell a home to a young couple.

The wife breaks into his sales talk and says, "A home! . . . Why do I need a home? I was born in a hospital, educated in a college, courted in an automobile, and married in a church. I live out of paper bags from the delicatessen, spend my mornings on the golf course, afternoons at the bridge table, and my evenings at the movies. And when I die I intend to be buried from a mortuary. All I need is a garage!"

This is the dilemma, and such are the choices, of many people in our time.

What about those of us who are church members? What are the emphases in our lives? In rushing furiously "to and fro" these days, trying to get some of the good things of life are we overlooking the best things?

Dr. Theodore F. Adams, president of the Baptist World Alliance, says that no life is complete without three homes: (1) a family home, (2) a church home, and (3) a heavenly home. All three of these call for the attention and interest of today's intelligent married people. This discussion relates directly to the first two.

Family needs and church loyalties sometimes appear to be in conflict. In the quickening pace of Twentieth Century living, how can Christian homemakers properly divide their devotion between church and home? Which takes priority—and when? Editorials for the next three weeks will attempt to deal with these important questions.

In Matthew 6:33 we have a scale of values and a guiding principle in this matter: "Seek ye first the kingdom of God, and his righteousness; and all these things shall be added unto you."

17TH CENTURY BAPTIST PRESS

Baptist Converted By Own Sermon Elected Pastor Of New Church

DUBLIN, Pennsylvania, January 15, 1688—A Baptist minister recently converted by his own sermon has been named pastor of the Pennepack Baptist Church, the second Baptist church to be organized in the state.

Pastor of the Pennepack church, at present consisting of only twelve members, is Elias Keach, son of Rev. Benjamin Keach of London, renowned English minister and author. Elias Keach only recently arrived in this country from England.

Although he was not ordained, Keach dressed in clerical garb after reaching America and passed himself off as a minister. Because he is the son of the famous Baptist preacher, Keach soon received several invitations to preach.

The little group of Pennepack Baptists was eager to hear the son of Benjamin Keach and it was for them that the imposter attempted to deliver his first sermon—actually one which he had pilfered from his father.

In the midst of his discourse, Keach suddenly realized the extent of his error and was seized with remorse. He confessed his trickery, asked for the forgiveness of the congregation, and experienced genuine conversion.

Keach promptly was baptized and ordained to the ministry by Rev. Thomas Dungan, pastor at

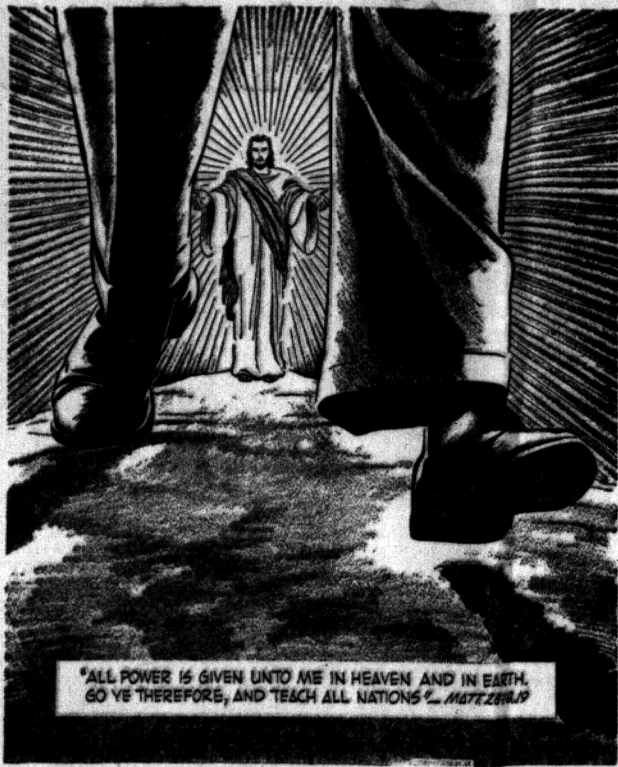
Cold Springs, the first Baptist church organized in Pennsylvania. Following his ordination, Keach was selected as pastor by the same congregation which he so recently attempted to deceive.

The new Pennepack church is somewhat typical of Baptist churches in this section today. There is no church building or meetinghouse, members meeting for services in the homes of members. A large meeting hall is not necessary as attendance is comparatively small.

Apparently the Pennepack congregation knew more about Keach's potentialities than the minister himself. He shows promise of following in the footsteps of his illustrious father. His sermons already have proved effective in strengthening the church and winning converts.

The future of the embryonic Pennepack church also is bright. Absence of a state church, and religious liberty in the Middle Colonies have attracted many of the freedom-loving Baptists to this section. With the capable and energetic Elias Keach as pastor, the Pennepack church is likely to become the mother of a number of churches in Philadelphia County within the next few years.

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Missionary Imperative

The Baptist Forum

Toronto Report

I have just returned from Europe where I attended the meeting of the Executive Committee of the Baptist World Alliance at Ruschlikon on Lake Zurich in Switzerland. As you can imagine, an immense accumulation of mail, periodicals of all kinds, and numerous news releases which came during my absence, was awaiting my return. In that huge pile I found your interesting and really fascinating news story of the Baptist Youth World Conference at Toronto which was distributed as a news release by Albert McClellan of the Southern Baptist News Service. I read this with absorbing interest and I congratulate you on a masterly report that obviously covered all the high spots on the program and in spite of its brevity included an amazing amount of inspiring and useful information. You are indeed an exceptionally able and brilliant reporter.

William B. Lippard
Executive Secretary
The Associated Church
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New York 16, New York.

In Kansas City

We are now located in Kansas City just two blocks from the Midwestern Baptist Seminary.

We are both working and getting ready for the great day when school opens, which is two weeks from today. I have been working in the library at the Seminary. Martha, is working as a City Health Nurse. The Library is the main floor of a building adjoining the seminary building. It was formerly three shops, but we changed them into a nice but small library. The second floor is being used for Professors' offices and the book store. All of these are almost completed. We are now shelving the books. We have over 12,000 volumes already and are receiving more each day. We are grateful for those which were given by the people of our native State.

Yesterday I was called to the Shawnee Southern Baptist Mis-

sion in Shawnee, Kansas.
Eldridge E. Fleming
3937 Wyandotte
Kansas City 11, Mo.

Eyes That See Not

We know how terrible it is for those who are physically blind and deaf, but Jesus spoke about another group of people that have eyes to see, but see not and ears to hear, but hear not.

Only people who walk with God can see the danger and mysteries that are around and near us. Many do not see God in the moon and stars and hear His voice in the thunder and lightning and wind as do people that walk with God.

We must always remember in our work we often speak to people that are blind and deaf and do not see or hear the things we say. It is tragical but true. It is love and care of this world that have so blinded them.

M. C. Durr
Brookhaven

Be Informed!

Recently I wrote to two different cults, asking each one of them 10 questions, the main question being why they did not magnify the name of Christ instead of their founders.

I received 11 typewritten pages from one, in reply, and in all of that they failed to answer my question. Why?

What was interesting to me that they very seldom referred to God's word for reference.

The other one I wrote to tried to enlist me as a student of theirs, never attempting to answer one question that I referred to; after I ignored their reply to sign a card and return for the booklets or course, they mailed them to me anyway, the first one that I opened up was a tirade of abuse against "The Baptists", which was amusing to me as I knew what the Baptists are, have been and will be as long as time lasts.

Why can't we as Baptists read, study and know why we are Baptists, by studying the Bible?—which to me means being an

'What Have I Been Living For?' Asks Christian As He Wins A Soul

R. T. Russell
Secretary, Department of
Evangelism
Georgia Baptist Convention
Editor's note: This is the fourth in a series of soul-winning experiences reported by state secretaries of evangelism. The series is a part of evangelism preparation for the 1959 Baptist Simultaneous Evangelistic Crusade.

After confessing his personal sins, buying clothes for an employee and his wife so they could attend a revival, an inactive Christian saw the results of a desire to be a soul-winner. This man, who had become a social drinker and was about to see his home crumble, had been a member of a church I pastored 20 years ago.

When I first knew this man, he was a deacon in the church and was just getting started in his business career. Within a few years, he owned his own business and was making large amounts of money.

However, during the years of his prosperity he had forgotten about his church and was on the verge of becoming an extreme alcoholic.

Lost Contact

I had lost contact with this former deacon until I recently held a revival in his church.

After renewing fellowship and hearing about his spiritual needs, I encouraged him to repent and ask God to help him become a soul-winner. First came prayers of asking forgiveness. Then followed a decision to try winning souls for Christ.

An employee was his first attempt. The worker was invited to the revival services. The employee's reply was, "My wife and I just don't have the right kind of clothes to wear to your church."

Makes Plea

The matter of clothes were

Informed Baptist!

Ralph A. Self
Columbus.

Quarles/Kansas

August 11-15 marked the date of our Kansas Southern Baptist State Assembly in Topeka. We were delighted to have Dr. Quarles and his family with us. Dr. Quarles was our camp pastor. We wish we could express our gratitude for the great contribution that he made to our camp. He spoke twice a day. Our people were thrilled with his messages.

We had a record attendance this year with 376 regular campers and some 200 visitors who attended at least one session. There were thirty-five decisions made. Four of these were professions of faith and six were dedications to a church related vocation.

When I graduated from Mississippi College, and as I pastored for some five years in Mississippi, I did not know of the many problems in starting new areas of work. The work is thrilling and romantic even though we have many discouragements. We covet your prayers that God will continue to bless us here.

James R. Zeltner
Great Bend, Kansas

forgotten for a moment while a plea for Christ was made. The employee was then asked to buy the clothes he and his wife needed, charge the cost to him personally and attend the revival.

The employee and his wife came to one service and to another. On the second night, they both made public professions of faith in Christ.

My friend, who found new energy and purpose in life, rejoiced and said, "What have I been living for all these years? I know now that I could have been a soul-winner all this time. This realization makes me one of the happiest persons on God's earth."

New Books

A HISTORY OF BAPTISTS IN AMERICA PRIOR TO 1845 by Jesse L. Boyd (American Press, approximately \$3.00)—a much-needed sourcebook by the tireless historian of Mississippi Baptists. The book was released by the publishers Monday of this week and will be available to the public through the Baptist Book Store in about a month.

INTO A NEW WORLD by J. Winston Crawley (Convention Press) 181 pp. — Foreign Mission Board's 1958 series, a study of the Philippines, Indonesia, Malaya and Thailand.

PROUD WATERS by Lon Woodrum (Zondervan) 125 pp., \$2.00 — two-fisted "Christian fiction" of rough, raw-boned life in a mining camp.

TOGETHER WE'LL DO IT by Dorothy Haskin (Zondervan) 185 pp., \$2.50 — a novel on young love by an outstanding Christian writer.

THE BOND SLAVE by Sallie Lee Bell (Zondervan) 212 pp., \$2.50 — a Bible-times romance, closely kin to "Prince of Egypt."

SERMON OUTLINES ON THE SECOND COMING compiled by Al Bryant (Zondervan) 62 pp., \$1.00 — more diverse than deep.

LET'S PLAY AND SING by May Justus (Broadman) 32 pp., \$1.50 — songs for children with drawings by William Dugan.

THE BARRIER by Sallie Lee Bell (Zondervan) 216 pp. \$2.50 — Christian fiction of award-winning caliber written by a New Orleans widow.

ONE STEP TO AMERICA by Elizabeth B. Whitmore (Broadman, 163 pp., \$2.75)—a fine novel about the big problems of a small boy who is transplanted from Germany to America.

HISTORY OF CARVER SCHOOL OF MISSIONS AND SOCIAL WORK by Carrie U. Littlejohn (Broadman, 198 pp., \$3.00)—out of a thirty year connection with the school Dr. Littlejohn knows more about this excellent institution than any person alive, and the book (her first) sets forth a colorful and interesting panorama.

PREMARITAL PASTORAL CASE AND COUNSELING by Wayne E. Oates (Broadman, 71 pp., paperback) price unknown)—ought to be read by every Baptist pastor.

COOPERATIVE EVANGELISM by Robert O. Fern (Zondervan) 99 pp., 75 cents—one of its best recommendations is that John R. Rice has condemned it as the propaganda of Billy Graham.

PATHS TO POWER by John Huss (Zondervan) 151 pp., \$2.50—midweek prayer meeting talks by the man who demonstrates in his ministry the meaning of the term he has popularized "The Hour of Power."

ENTERED INTO REST by Vance Havner (Zondervan) 119 pp., \$2.00

matchless style of today's Will Rogers among preachers.

Counselor's Corner

By Dr. R. Lofton Hudson
(Author of the book **For Our Age of Anxiety** at your Baptist Book Store)

FRIEND WON'T SPEAK

QUESTION: A woman that plays the piano at our church has suddenly changed. She used to be a close friend to both me and my husband. Now she just passes us by and won't even speak. I asked her once what was the matter, was she mad or sick or what? She didn't even answer. What are we to do?

ANSWER: Nothing, if you have honestly tried to behave like a Christian. I can tell you what is the matter with your friend.

She is sick with a kind of madness for which there is no cure except a complete transformation inside. I have seen such people changed by a conversion. I have seen some helped by a psychiatrist. But I have seen more who live and die in their swaddling clothes.

Honestly, I cannot imagine anything more unchristian than one church member not speaking to another. It is as contradictory as having a striptease dance in the pulpit.

Don't let one apple ruin the whole barrel for you. Look at the other people in the church who love each other. Make friends of them.

Our Lord had worse treatment from some church leaders of his day.
(Address questions to Dr. Hudson, 116 W. 47 Street, Kansas City 12, Mo.)

Cedar Grove In Greene Co. Ordains Pastor

On a recent Sunday afternoon Rev. Reuben Byrd, pastor of the Cedar Grove Church in Greene County was ordained to the gospel ministry.

Rev. Frank Roblin, pastor of First Church, McClain was the moderator and delivered the charge to the candidate and the church. Rev. Billy Simmons, pastor of the Washington Church, was the clerk of the council. Rev. Richard Buckley, pastor of the First Church, Leakesville, brought the message. The Bible was presented to the candidate by L. Prentiss, chairman of deacons of Cedar Grove Church. Alton Byrd led the ordination prayer.

Calendar of Prayer

September 8 — Rev. G. C. Cox, Admissions Committee, Hinds Association; Albert L. Craven, Mississippi College faculty.

Sept. 9 — Mrs. Parker Lamb, W. M. U. Executive Board; Rev. R. L. Mefford, Superintendent of Missions, Mississippi Association.

Sept. 10 — Mrs. Velma Watkins, House Mother; Baptist Orphanage; Mrs. J. R. Tillery, Seminary Extension Department.

Sept. 11 — Van Evans, Gulf Coast Associational Sunday School Supt.; Charles Clark, Baptist Book Store.

Sept. 12 — May Grillo, Baptist Building; Jeanette Anderson, Baptist Building.

Sept. 13 — Wiley J. Moody, Carey College faculty; Grady Ellis, Holmes Associational Brotherhood President.

Sept. 14 — Al Finch, Clarke Associational Training Union Director; Jack Kearns, Gulf Coast Associational Music Director.

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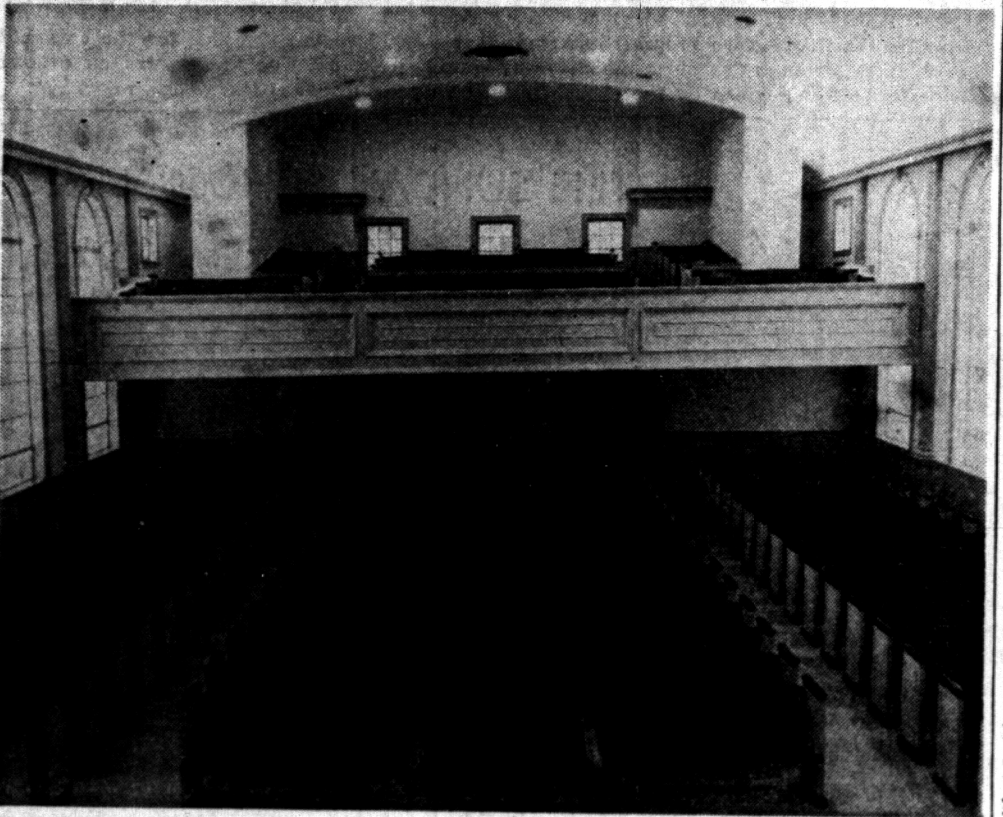
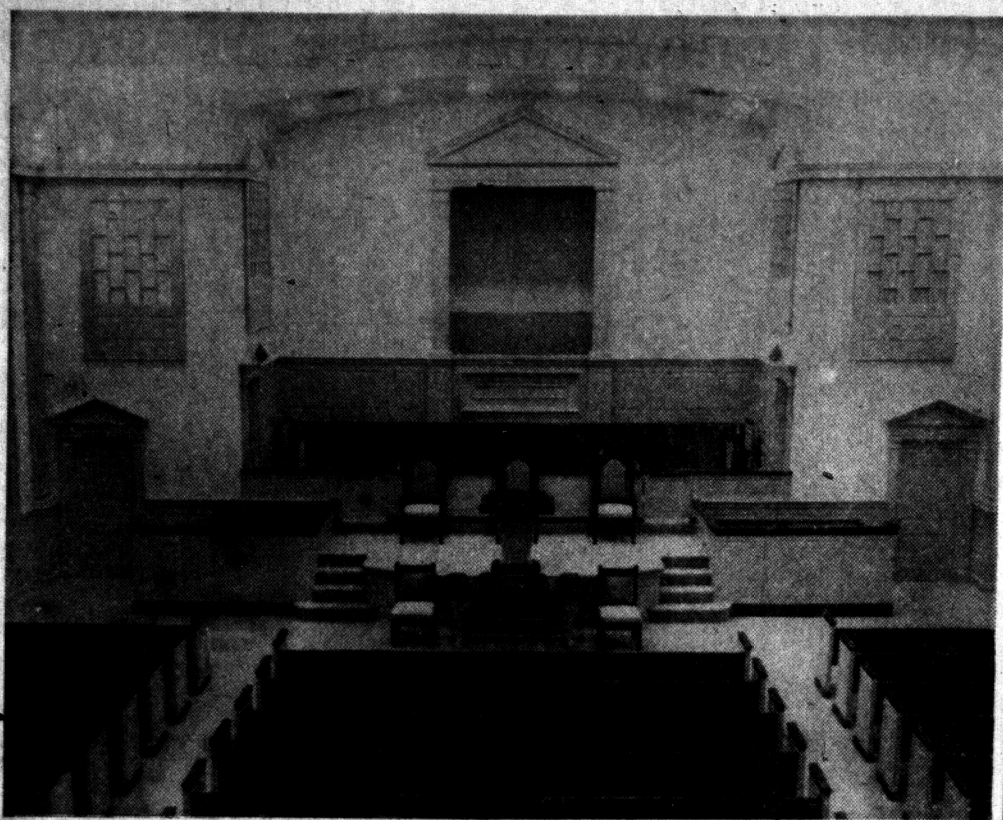
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NEW FILM—Shown here is a scene from *Where Your Heart Is*, the new life commitment and stewardship film from Broadman Films. The production, distributed at the Southern Baptist Convention, is a powerful story of a man who finds his true home in the Kingdom of God. The film may be ordered from Baptist book stores for showing in churches.—Photo, Broadman Films.



New Senatobia Sanctuary

First Church, Senatobia, dedicated their new building on Sunday, August 24.

The sanctuary, shown in the two views above, will provide for the seating of 655 worshippers in a single service. A wall to wall carpet is laid in the sanctuary, including the choir area. The carpet is gold in color, harmonizing with the color scheme. The pews have Indian Turquois ends with mahogany caps and bases.

Situated above the choir, the baptistry has two graceful columns at the front supporting a beautifully designed piece of mill-work. The background is pure white.

Acoustics, lighting, heating, and cooling systems are all the most modern available. Seating provides for a 40-voice choir.

Included in the office suite are the pastor's office, library, educational director's office, music director's office, rehearsal studio, and a large paneled conference room.

The new Intermediate Department, situated on the second floor of the new building is decorated in Niagra Blue.

The Building Committee were

C. S. Baker, Jerry Veazy, L. L. Owen, Mrs. Erma Aiken, M. P. Moore, chairman, Mrs. Joe Veazy, A. E. Terry, Mrs. Mil-

dred Vickery, and Dr. W. Clyde Martin, pastor.

Pritchard and Nickles of Tunicaw were the architects.

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Hathorn Baptist Church Is Honor Church

Mrs. Hilda T. Forbes states "The Honor Church Program has caused us to work harder than I think we would have worked otherwise. It gave us a goal to work forward to during the year. We think that it is a wonderful program and we are looking forward to working on it again next year."

Pictured above are Mrs. Hilda T. Forbes, Training Union Director of Hathorn Baptist Church, Jeff Davis Association, and Rev. Athen McNeil, pastor.

TRAINING UNION LEADERSHIP CONVENTION

OCTOBER 23-25, 1958
ALLISON'S WELLS

Reservations will be accepted on and after September 1, 1958, for this first Training Union Leadership Convention for Mississippi.

Since we are anticipating a capacity attendance, we will not be able this year to accept reservations unless they are accompanied by the name and sex of the individual. We should also be supplied with the office in Training Union held by the individual. A reservation fee of \$5.00 per person will be required. This amount will be applied to the hotel bill upon registration at the convention.

A Training Union Leadership Convention is a new venture for Mississippi Baptists, but it is one for which already a great deal of enthusiasm and support has been expressed.

This convention has been planned to meet the need of special training for workers at the time they need it most—the beginning of the church year. For new workers it will be an introduction to their responsibilities. For old workers it should be a time to re-examine motives, evaluate procedures and project a new or enlarged program of work.

Everyone in a position of leadership has been planned for.

Sunday School And Training Union Attendance

August 31, 1958

Aberdeen, First	414	150
Amory, First	415	169
Belden	146	88
Bruce	299	76
Byram	271	179
Center Hill (Desoto)	96	51
Charleston, First	330	118
Clarksdale	518	177
Clarksdale, Oakhurst	806	201
Cleveland, First	426	100
Main	387	
Chinese Mission	39	
Collins	210	121
Cruger	51	33
Crystal Springs, First	600	194
Drew	360	188
Duck Hill	160	77
Glenfield (Union Co.)	79	62
Greenville, First	1106	260
Main	902	
Greenfield Mission	123	
Chinese Mission	81	
Greenville, Parkview	318	147
Greenwood, North	353	110
Gulfport, First	815	271
Gulfport, Grace Mem.	268	84
Hattiesburg, Main St.	910	374
Main	810	
N. Main Mission	51	
Wayside Mission	49	
Jackson:		
Alta Vista	31	25
Southside	185	138
West	348	113
Crestwood	538	259
First	1191	265
Calvary	1286	389
Alta Woods	547	231
Van Winkle	617	296
Daniel Memorial	896	335
Kosciusko, First	737	169
Main	707	
Maple Mission	30	
Laurel, First	630	206
Laurel, Highland	331	202
Laurel, Plainway	116	85
Laurel, Wildwood	298	106
Longview (Oktibbeha)	70	50
McComb, Locust St.	106	48
Macedonia (Lincoln)	243	115
Newton, First	429	179
New Albany, First	679	208
Pascagoula, First	663	210
Main	634	182
McArthur Chapel	29	28
Petal, Crestview	61	38
Petal-Harvey	403	185
Main	355	143
Harvey Mission	48	42
Picayune, First	599	173
Main	574	
Mission	25	
Purvis, First	290	106
Ripley, First	330	137
Ruleville	271	106
Starkville, First	655	246
Steen's Creek (Rankin)	293	160
Tupelo, East	371	252
Tupelo, First	465	117
Union, First	350	123
Weir	73	51
August 24, 1958		
Batesville, First	447	180
Cleveland, First	381	94
Main	349	
Chinese Mission	32	
Dixie (Lebanon)	187	107
Glenfield (Union Co.)	100	70
Morton, First	255	118
Pascagoula, Eastlawn	201	162

Jones Association Sponsors School Of Church Music

Jones County Baptist Music Association last week sponsored an Associational School of Music at the Second Avenue Baptist Church in Laurel. The enrollment for the week was 243, with 154 people who qualified for music awards.

The faculty for the school consisted of Genter L. Stephens, New Orleans Seminary; Mrs. Shelby Price, First Church, Ellisville; Bob Fortenberry, Laurel; and the following from Baptist churches in Laurel: Dr. and Mrs. W. Levon Moore, Second Avenue Church; Paul Adams, First Church; Bill Ray, West Laurel Church; Sidney Buckley, Highland Church; Bob Wallin, Wildwood Church; and Eugene Price, Second Avenue Church.

Students Honored At 1st, N. Albany

Special recognition was given on "Off to College Day," August 24, to the 54 students from First Church, New Albany, who will leave soon for college.

Rev. Wm. G. Wilson, pastor of the Lawndale Church, of Greensboro, North Carolina, did the preaching on that Sunday, as the pastor has been ill.

After the evening service the young people gathered for a social in Fellowship Hall.

One student from the church will attend school abroad this year — Julius Cruise, Jr. will attend the University of Graz, Austria.

Dr. J. William Harbin, pastor, attended the services Sunday and also the social.



PICTURED ABOVE are those taking part in the G. A. Coronation Service held at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, August 20. "The Light of the World is Jesus" was the theme of the program.

G. A. CORONATION AT DANIEL MEMORIAL

One Queen-with-a-Scepter, Shirley Crenshaw, was recognized and three queens, Sheryl Rhodes, Linda Crenshaw, and Linda Felten, were crowned at the G. A. Coronation Service at Daniel Memorial Church, Jackson, August 20.

Maidens were Mary Lynn Stampley, Sue Crenshaw, Gwendy Donnell, Naomi McCraney, Dianne Lutrick, Marilyn McAdory, Susan Hutto, Gail Coleman, Becky Craycraft, Linda Casaver, and Sandra Bullock. Ladies-in-Waiting were Sue Benson, Barbara Davis, Ann Gambrell, Patsy Trim, Suzy Adcock, Glenda Faye Benson, and Iris Jennings.

Princesses were Dot Davis, Bonnie East, and Jenny Jones. Mrs. W. D. McWilliams, G. A. Director, and Mrs. Paul Grantham, W. M. U. President, made the presentations.

Mrs. Charles Tidwell sang "The Lord is My Light." Mrs. Robert King served as organist. Others taking part in the program were Charles Tidwell, Scripture reading; Linda Chapman, Patricia Moak, Peggy Sykes, and Pat Taylor, ushers; Marsha McAdory, flower girl;

Jeannie Bennett, scepter bearer; Paula Mitchell, Cynthia Jones, Ruthie Gandy, crown bearers.

Dr. Lewis Rhodes, is pastor of the Daniel Memorial Church.

FOREIGN MISSION BOARD REPORTS TO THE PEOPLE

Near East Crisis Is Challenge To Missions, Says Dr. Cauthen

"Southern Baptists have never faced a greater challenge to faith and prayer than is now presented by the Middle East," Dr. Baker J. Cauthen, executive secretary of the Southern Baptist Foreign Mission Board, declared upon arriving at Glorietta (N. M.) Baptist Assembly following a brief visit with Southern Baptist missionaries in Lebanon, Jordan, Gaza, and Israel.

Dr. Cauthen attended the meeting of the executive committee of the Baptist World Alliance in Ruschlikon-Zurich, Switzerland, the first week in August. Following that meeting he went to the Near East. From Tel Aviv, Israel, he flew directly to Glorietta to participate in the closing sessions of the Foreign Missions Conference.

Dr. Cauthen had been in the States only a few hours when he dictated the following message to be given Southern Baptists through their state Baptist papers:

"The emergencies prevailing in the Near East caused me to feel a strong sense of leadership to visit the missionaries who serve there at this time. These have been difficult days throughout the area, particularly for those in Lebanon; but the highest standards of missionary commitment and purpose are being demonstrated.

"The work in Lebanon centers in Beirut where fighting has been rather frequent over a period of three months. Baptist work is located in an area which has been exposed to considerable disturbance. For a time forces opposing the Government were firing from positions near our property. Government forces were located immediately across the street. For approximately two months the missionaries continued to live on mission property, although a good many bullets struck the houses and considerable danger was faced in entering and leaving these places.

"It became evident that it would be highly desirable for the missionaries to move to a safer location. Therefore, all but one family are now living in a hotel some distance from the disturbance. That family is staying at an assembly on a near-by mountain.

"All missionaries in the Near East have been given full assurance of unlimited backing by the Foreign Mission Board in making whatever emergency decisions are necessary. They know that any decisions to stay or to leave will have the fullest support.

"Mrs. John W. Turner and her children returned to the States some days ago. Mr. Turner has remained in Beirut where he is doing a remarkable job in mission service. The return of his family was necessitated by a recent experience of illness which made it seem advisable that they not continue longer in a tense situation.

"The city of Beirut was quiet while I was there; and, in general, the situation seems to be improved. Work in the Baptist church in Beirut is continuing, although a good many of the members have left the city for safer locations. Missionaries are continuing with their work. Rev. and Mrs. Finlay M. Graham are now en route to Beirut.

after furlough in the States. They will probably be there by the time these lines are read.

"In Jordan, Southern Baptists extend their ministries through a hospital, a school, and a church located in Ajloun and through work projected to other centers.

"The presence of a large number of refugees in Jordan presents to the Government a continual problem. It is to these refugees that fanatic appeals are made from time to time for violent action. The Government of Jordan is led by a courageous young king who has the loyalty of his army.

"A visit to the Near East strongly impresses one that the sending of American troops to Lebanon and British troops to Jordan represents wise action. The presence of these forces gives stability to the countries and prevents the forces of violence from taking control.

"The missionaries in Jordan are continuing in their responsibilities with calmness and courage. Dr. and Mrs. L. August Lovegren are on their way back to Jordan to join their fellow missionaries.

"I flew from Beirut to Gaza, where I had a conference with missionaries of our Board who are carrying on medical and evangelistic work in that city. The significance of their service can hardly be overstated. There is no other Christian witness being carried on in the Gaza Strip.

"In Gaza, as in the other places I visited, the chief request of the missionaries is for more reinforcement in prayer and in personnel.

"In Israel, there is an awareness of the great hostility among Arab nations against this 10-year-old country. An air of quiet prevails through this nation, characterizing a deep sense of determination.

"I have come away from the Near East more deeply convinced of the urgency of increasing our Christian witness in that part of the world as rapidly as resources can be made available and missionary volunteers are ready. We will move into every country of the Middle East into which entry can be obtained. The time must come when there will be a chain of Baptist witness across the Middle East linking up with Baptist work in East Pakistan.

"We have never faced a greater challenge to faith and prayer than is now presented by the Middle East. Barriers to the gospel are tremendous. Hatreds are deep and serious. There are explosive possibilities on every hand. Work must be projected on the basis of running a calculated risk. We are prepared to make that risk in the name of our Lord who said: 'Behold, I send you forth as sheep in the midst of wolves: be ye therefore wise as serpents, and harmless as doves.'

"There is danger in the Middle East; but there is also opportunity. The price of serving the opportunity means being ready to face the danger. God has placed in that area a valiant group of missionaries who are following Christ in whatever comes in order that he may be made known. May God use these lines to call Southern Baptists afresh to prayer for his servants, his work, and the millions of people in the Middle East who need Christ as Saviour."



Rev. Duane Ivey

Sebastopol Calls Full-Time Pastor

Rev. Duane Ivey has recently resigned the Trinity Church in Carthage to become pastor of the Sebastopol Church in Sebastopol.

Mr. Ivey became the first pastor of the Carthage Mission January 1, 1955, and during his pastorate the mission was organized into Trinity Church, an educational building and auditorium were built, the Sunday School enrollment grew from 15 to 130 and the Training-Union enrollment from 9 to 82. Thirty-seven were added to the church by baptism and 66 by letter.

The Sebastopol Church called Brother Ivey as their first full time pastor.

Paden Reports Good Revival

The Paden Church, Tishomingo Association, reports a good revival August 10-17. Twenty-six came professing faith in Christ, one came into the church by letter, and four surrendered their lives to full-time Christian service.

The evangelist was Rev. C. C. Cornelius, pastor of the New Prospect Church of Iuka. Rev. Odes Puckett is pastor of the Paden Church.

Air-Conditioning Of New Albany Church Ready

Work has been completed on air-conditioning the entire church. Until this year only the auditorium, first floor, nurseries and offices were cooled during the summer months.

At present the entire outside of the church is being painted. This is one of the largest church buildings in north Mississippi.



Rev. P. O. Davidson

Memphis Pastor To Lead Revival At Van Winkle

Rev. P. O. Davidson will lead Van Winkle Church, Jackson, in revival services September 7-14. Morning services will be at 7:00; evening services will begin at 7:30.

Mr. Davidson is an outstanding leader in Baptist work in Memphis, Tenn., where he is pastor of the Frayzer Church.

Tommy Davis, Minister of Music at Van Winkle, will lead the singing. Rev. Herman Milner is the pastor.

SYDNEY, Australia (RNS)—An all night of prayer will be observed in Protestant churches here on Sept. 21 to coincide with the opening of American Evangelist Billy Graham's four-week crusade in Charlotte, N. C.

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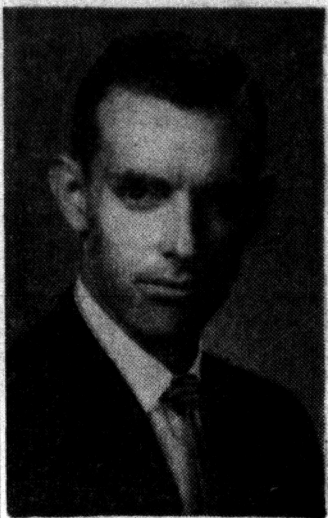
Names In The News

James "Dickie" Maples was youth week pastor, last week, at Northside Church, Jackson. He was Youth Director at Northside while at Mississippi College and is now at River Oaks Church in Fort Worth. He will graduate from Southwestern Seminary next year. Rev. Henry Crouch is the pastor at Northside.

Rev. and Mrs. Edward B. Trott, Southern Baptist missionaries to North Brail, have completed their language study and have gone to their permanent field of service. Their address is Caixa Postal 324, Aracaju, Sergipe, Brazil. Mrs. Trott is the former Freda Porter, a native of Meridian.

Rev. and Mrs. Jesse L. Boyd, Sr., are being honored by their son and daughter with a reception at their home in Clinton on Sunday afternoon, September 7, 1958 from 4 to 6 o'clock. The occasion is the couple's fiftieth wedding anniversary.

Dr. J. William Harbin, pastor of the First Church, New Albany, for the past three years, will be the evangelist for a revival to be held at West Jackson Church, Jackson, Tenn., September 21-26. Dr. David Q. Byrd is pastor of the West Jackson Church.



Byron Parker Ordained In His New Church

The ordination service of Rev. Byron Parker was held Sunday afternoon, Aug. 24, at Calvary Church in Jones County, on El-lisville Route 3. The minister was called to this church to be its pastor.

Rev. Parker was a member of 19th Avenue Baptist Church in Hattiesburg. Dr. W. Parks McKittrick, pastor of 19th Avenue Church, served as moderator of the Presbytery that examined the candidate and Rev. Garland McInnis, pastor of Southside Church, served as clerk.

Mr. Parker's mother from Lucedale and his sister, Mrs. S. L. White of Mobile, were in attendance.

Sunday School Department

E. C. Williams, Secretary
Miss Carolyn Madison, Elementary Secretary
Mrs. Judson Irwin, Office Secretary
Mrs. Ralph Alewine, Office Secretary

RIPLEY ORGANIZES MISSION

The East Ripley Baptist Mission has been organized by the

Ripley First Baptist church and is a part of the "30,000 Movement" of Southern Baptists.

This means that more people will be reached for preaching, teaching, training, etc., than would have been true otherwise. Each new station will reach more new people, and thus the work keeps spreading.

Rev. Grant Clark is the pastor at Ripley.

During the week of September 1-5, the most of our associations will have the one-night training-planning clinics.

The purpose of these clinics, for associational Sunday school officers only, is to be a training period for them, to help familiarize them with their duties for the new year, and then to project plans for the new year's work in each association.

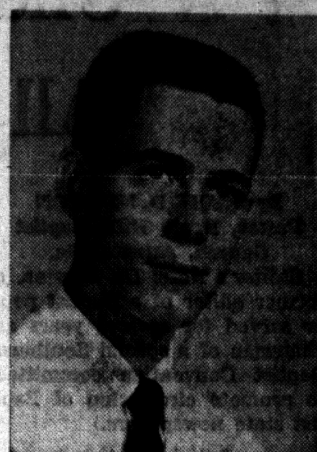
A small group of workers will make these meetings, which are being made this week, and will help the officers in each association with their plans for next year.

However, the associational officers cannot do all the work themselves. They can lead out and plan some good programs and goals, but it requires all the people of the association to make it a success.

Therefore, we plead with all Sunday school workers to join in actively in the work of the new year and work and pray to make it the best year ever. This can be done but it will take more than wishful thinking to do it. It requires work, prayer, planning, promoting, and constant effort to do it.

Vacation Bible Schools

Church	Association	Enrollment	Offering	Cooperative Program	Other
Alcorn	South Corinth	67	8.62	8.62	
Attala	County Line	43	10.42	10.42	
Attala	Sand Hill	96	20.37	20.37	
Attala	Springdale	57	13.00	13.00	
Bolivar	Rosedale Mission	88	10.66	10.66	
Calhoun	Ellard	36	17.50		17.50
Calhoun	New Hope	80	27.48	27.48	
Calhoun	Sarepta	76	...	...
Carroll-Mont.	Avalon	28	...	...
Carroll	Liberty	45	4.62	4.62	
Carroll	Mt. Pisgah	38	4.40	4.40	
Carroll	New Jerusalem	22	5.00	5.00	
Carroll	Shiloh	24	4.00	4.00	
Carroll	Teoc	29	3.30	3.30	
Chickasaw	Union Chapel	35	6.67	6.67	
Choctaw	Concord	68	10.22	10.22	
Choctaw	Covenant	23	6.45	6.45	
Choctaw	French Camp	62	...	...
Choctaw	Hopewell	44	5.20	5.20	
Choctaw	Weir	70	12.05	12.05	
Clarke	Shubuta	91	12.23	12.23	
Clay	West Point	264	42.89	42.89	
Copiah	Antioch	85	34.31	34.31	
Copiah	Strong Hope	110	25.00		25.00
Rankin	Bude	107	20.00		20.00
George	First, Lucedale	262	40.01	40.01	
Greene	Leaf	92	15.33	15.33	
Greene	Sand Hill	72	11.97	11.97	
Greene	Washington	45	10.05	10.05	
Gulf Coast	Bowen Mem.	120	25.00	25.00	
Gulf Coast	D'Iberville	94	13.08	13.08	
Gulf Coast	Gulphort Heights	79	11.50	11.50	
Gulf Coast	Providence	57	14.43	14.43	
Hinds	Midway	232	30.42	30.42	
Itawamba	Evergreen	61	18.16	18.16	
Itawamba	Walker	34	6.70	6.70	
Jackson	Hurley	88	10.97	10.97	
Jackson	Riverside	153	36.20	36.20	
Jasper	Mossville	55	12.05	12.05	
Lafayette	Clear Creek	65	21.81	21.81	
Leake	Center Hill	60	10.13	10.13	
Leake	Freney	92	13.94	13.94	
Leake	Mars Hill		9.37	9.37	
Leake	Midway	23	2.51	2.51	
Lebanon	Brooklyn	77	9.50	9.50	
Lebanon	Sunrise-Zion Hill	102			
Lee	Calvary	237	72.22	72.22	
Lee	East Tupelo	242	...	...
Lee	Sherman	85	19.39	19.39	
Lincoln	Moak's Creek	78	15.77	15.77	
Lincoln	Pearlhaven	170	...	...
Lincoln	Philadelphia	74	11.40	11.40	
Lowndes	Antioch	153	48.34	48.34	
Lowndes	Southside	162	57.00	57.00	
Marion	Calvary	205	60.25		60.25
Marion	Clear Creek	66	24.82	24.82	
Marshall	New Harmony	67	4.18	4.18	
Marshall	Salem	37	5.71	5.71	
Marshall	Spring Hill	103	13.42	13.42	
Mississippi	Gillsburg	153	18.98	18.98	
Mississippi	Pioneer	72	15.29	15.29	
Monroe	Becker	107	18.00		18.00
Monroe	New Prospect	58	15.41	15.41	
Montgomery	Mission	28	3.35	3.35	
Neshoba	Bond	103	19.13	19.13	
Neshoba	Immanuel	45	5.11	5.11	
Neshoba	New Black Jack	52	...	...
New Choctaw	Hope	57	6.53	6.53	
Newton	Beluah	96	15.40		15.40
Panola	Immanuel	52	8.30	8.30	
Panola	Peach Creek	76	18.00	18.00	
Panola	Shady Grove	44	7.21	7.21	
Panola	Mclvor	22	6.51	6.51	
Pearl River	Gainsville	49	7.10		7.10
Pearl River	Juniper Grove	21	15.98	15.98	
Pearl River	Zion Hill	78	10.41	10.41	
Perry	Richton	156	...	...
Pike	Central	128	14.00	14.00	
Pontotoc	Longview	88	20.25	20.25	
Pontotoc	Zion	96	22.37	22.37	
Pontotoc	Valley Grove	31	6.63	6.63	
Rankin	Rock Bluff	50	15.00	15.00	
Rankin	Thorn Hill	43	10.37	10.37	
Rankin	Union	25	4.44		4.44
Riverside	Darling	103	7.91		7.91
Scott	Clifton	76	25.06	25.06	
Scott	Coopersville	71	10.60		10.60
Scott	Liberty	79	15.43	15.44	
Smith	Lorena	74	20.21		20.21
Smith	Oak Grove	120	16.51	16.51	
Smith	Blaine	68	14.47	14.47	
Sunflower	Brazil	66	15.00	15.00	
Tallahatchie	Cowart	96	9.44	9.44	
Tallahatchie	Corinth	73	10.51		10.51
Tallahatchie	Mt. Pisgah	46	17.53	17.53	
Tallahatchie	Paul	44	11.07	11.07	
Tallahatchie	First, Sumner	93	27.86	27.86	
Tallahatchie	Tippo	30	4.46	4.46	
Tallahatchie	Webb	89	12.65	12.65	
Tate	Arkabutla	77	25.06	25.06	
Union	Shiloh	46	...	...
Walshall	Magee's Creek	91	20.03	20.03	
Warren	Goodrum Mem.	78	16.77	16.77	
Warren	Woodlawn	121	17.19	17.19	
Washington	Calvary	164	26.23		26.23
Wayne	Calvary	103	24.47	24.47	
Wayne	Chaparral	97	25.89		25.89
Wayne	Clear Creek	38	8.41		8.41
Noxapater	Liberty	106	6.79	6.79	
Winston	Macedonia	45	10.15		10.15
Winston	Oak Grove	42	2.31		2.31
Winston	Poplar Flat	41	6.52	6.52	
Yalobusha	Sylva Rena	98	11.00		11.00
Yalobusha	Wayside	57	20.00	20.00	
Yazoo	Black Jack	64	14.00	14.00	
Yazoo	Ogden	74	10.43	10.43	
Yazoo	Sartartia	79	21.50	21.50	
Zion	Montervista	44	6.00		6.00
Attala	Yockanookany	85	\$12.09	\$12.09	
Bolivar	Waxhaw	56	5.16	5.16	
Hinds	Southside	191	22.47	22.47	
Jeff. Davis	Dublin	346	56.34	56.34	
Lowndes	Columbus, First	346	56.34	56.34	
Neshoba	Pearl Valley	17	10.00		10.00
Rankin	Mountain Creek	58	14.00		14.00
Pearl River	Olive	55	13.00		13.00
Clay	Pheba	74	9.05		9.05
Jones	Plainway	62	10.37	10.37	
Smith	New Home	49	7.44	7.44	
Sunflower	Linn	113	13.25		13.25
Zion	Mt. Vernon	53	12.50		12.50
Alcorn	Rienzi	65	13.12	13.12	



Rev. Eddie Hanna

Steen's Creek

Licenses Preacher

Steen's Creek Church at Florence licensed Eddie Hanna to the gospel ministry on Wednesday night, August 20.

Eddie attended Central High School, Jackson, before moving to Hoover Lake near Florence. While living in Jackson he was a member of the Alta Woods Church where he served twice as youth pastor during youth week.

Eddie plans to do supply work in order to begin his college work at Mississippi College this September.

Rev. Robert H. Ledbetter is pastor of the Steen's Creek Church.

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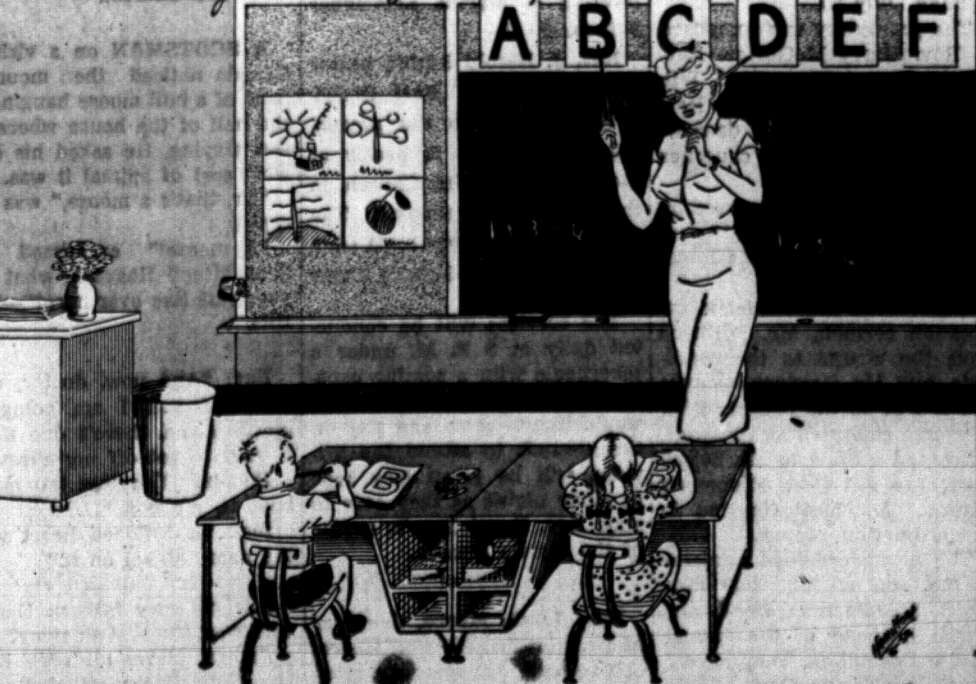
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Under-Girding All The Work

By LOUIE D. NEWTON
Pastor, Druid Hills Baptist Church, Atlanta, Ga.
(Editor's Note: Dr. Newton, a former editor of a Baptist paper served for several years as chairman of a special Southern Baptist Convention committee to promote circulation of Baptist state newspapers.)

In 1920, I offered a motion in our deacons' meeting that Druid Hills Church put *The Christian Index* in our church budget. I had talked to our pastor, Dr. F. C. McConnell, before the meeting, and he gave me his blessing.



Janelle Williams

BSU President At Jackson Commercial

Miss Janelle Williams, Prentiss, has been elected president of the Baptist Student Union at Jackson Commercial College.

Other officers are: Linda Broadway, Mize, enlistment chairman; Peggy Cummins, Philadelphia, devotional chairman; Christine Smith, Brookhaven, social chairman; Barbara Posey, Brookhaven, secretary; Peggy Newell, Brookhaven, publicity chairman; Jerry Lynn Stewart, Mize, music chairman.

ing, but said: "You'll have to give them a reason that will stand up under cross-examination."

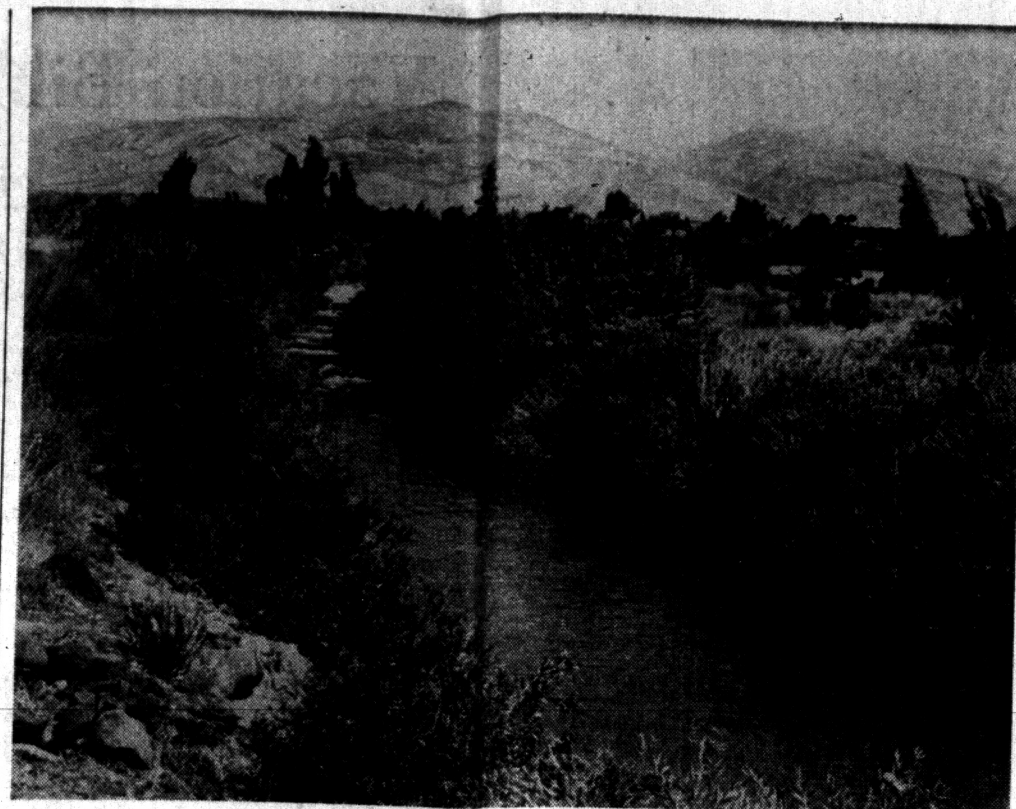
I used one sentence as my argument for the motion: "It will under-gird all the work of our church and denomination in our effort to further the Kingdom of God." The deacons voted unanimously to recommend that the church put the paper in its budget for 1921, and the church unanimously adopted the recommendation. There has never been any question about this investment in Kingdom work in our church during the 36 years.

Putting our Baptist papers in our church budgets has increased the circulation of these papers from less than 200,000 in 1940 to the present impressive figure of 1 1/4 million. It is the most effective method Southern Baptists have discovered by which we may inform, enlist, indoctrinate and enthrone our people in the program of voluntary cooperation in the furtherance of the Kingdom of God.

Now is the time to put your Baptist state paper in the budget of your church. Ask your Editor to give you the details of how your church may put your Baptist state paper in every home in your church. I believe you will find it a vital factor in determining the future usefulness of your church in the work of the Lord.

WASHINGTON, D. C. (RNS)

A Baptist seminary professor has been awarded a grant under the International Educational Exchange Program of the Department of State to serve as a visiting lecturer at the University of Ghana in Africa. Dr. George A. Dunger, Professor of Missions, North American Baptist Seminary, Sioux Falls, S. D., will teach at the University located in Accra, capital city of Ghana, during the 1958-59 school year.



NO BABBLING BROOK, THIS—In upper Galilee, as this photo shows, the Jordan River gives little indication of its actual importance in current Middle East affairs. Yet use of these waters to irrigate land in the Jordan Valley could help resettle 200,000 Arab refugees, so removing a major obstacle to Arab-Israeli peace. At present, the Jordan River flows unused into the Dead Sea.

The Picturesque Jordan - River of Living Waters

During April, an unusually wet one for the eastern seaboard, 6 1/4 inches of rain fell in the New York area. But, for a large part of the Holy Land, the same rainfall would have

established a near-record if spread over the whole year. Thus the seaport town of Elath, on the Red Sea, gets less than 6 inches of rain per year. This amount is about average for much of southern Palestine, the lower Negev desert. Further to the north, Beersheba gets approximately 10 inches, while "wet" Galilee, through which

the Jordan flows, receives annually about as much as fell on New York during the first four months of this year, or 23 inches.

These statistics explain why the peoples of the Middle East regard water, not oil, as their most precious liquid. They also help explain the force of many Biblical passages. David called out: "My soul thirsts for thee . . . as in dry and weary land where no water is." (Psalm 63: Verse 1).

George Van Egmond begins this week his third year as Minister of Music and Education at First Church, New Albany. Pastor J. William Harbin states, "Progress in the departments of music and education at our church is evidence of Mr. Van Egmond's untiring efforts. The good program our church enjoys in these two fields is no accident—it is the result of excellent planning and strenuous work."

Waynesboro Sets Stewardship Revival Sept. 5-7

A Stewardship revival will be conducted September 5-7 at Calvary Church, Waynesboro. The guest speaker will be Rev. Gordon Sansing, Secretary of the Cooperative Missions Department of the State Convention Board.

The services will be at 7:30 p. m. Friday and Saturday night and 11:00 a. m. Sunday morning. Rev. Charles Hollifield is the pastor.

It is the simple things in life that attract girls—men!

DEVOTIONAL

Thirst In The Desert

By DR. JOHN W. LANDRUM, Pastor
First, Grenada

Just a few miles from the heart of beautiful Lima, Peru is the most desert land in the world—no vegetation whatsoever grows in the powder-fine sand. As one drives along the highway viewing these miles of wasteland suddenly there bursts upon his vision a verdant scene—a small stream flows down from the mountains, and everywhere its life-giving water penetrates there is abundant vegetation.

Viewing this for the first time one really knows what Christ meant when He said in John 4:14, "Whosoever drinketh of the water that I shall give him shall never thirst." Small wonder that the Samaritan woman said, "Sir, give me this water, that I thirst not."

If only people would recognize that in water there is life! that in Christ the Living Water there is Life Eternal! He said, "Him that cometh to me I will in no wise cast out."

He does not say one will not be thirsty, but He does say that He will quench that thirst. His conditions must be met, "For by grace are ye saved through faith, and that not of yourselves." He does the saving. He quenches the thirst.

One of the most pathetic sights I've ever seen was along the barren highway mentioned above. About two dozen people were slowly trudging along the outskirts of Lima, one man bearing a tiny casket on his shoulders. Poor and tattered clothing was in evidence on the procession, but there were also a few withered flowers clutched in some hands. A child had died; the family was too poor to bury in an "approved" cemetery; and hopelessly they had to walk more than five miles out into the desert wasteland and deposit the earthly remains of their loved one in a shallow unmarked grave.

Many people today are in the desert of sin, unmarked by the "Blood of the Lamb," and will go into eternity with an unquenched thirst—without Christ.

TEXAS BAPTIST CHURCH PUTS CURFEW ON U. S. AIRBASE

ABILENE, Texas—A Texas pastor has been telling the U. S. Air Force at its Dyess Base when it can fly its planes—and when it can't.

Rev. Bob Jackson and his parishioners in the long-established rural Baptist church of Abilene were patient with propeller-driven airplanes that passed over the Church; but when jets began roaring at altitude only 400 feet above the pews, the congregation complained to air base authorities. A couple of air force officers were dispatched to listen to a sermon. They reported to their superiors that it was a deafening experience and then came the treaty. Thereafter the Air Force would phone Mr. Jackson to ask permission for mass flights—except in case of emergency.

A major called Mr. Jackson one night shortly afterward. "Say," he barked, disbelievingly, "the tower tells me I've got to clear with you before I can take off!"

Mr. Jackson explained the agreement. The major snapped back, "Well, is it alright if we leave?"

The treaty held until the first KC135 jet tanker thundered overhead. The congregation tore up the treaty, ran up a white flag and broke ground for a new church three miles away from the runway.

RELIGIOUS REMARKABLES - - - By Scheel

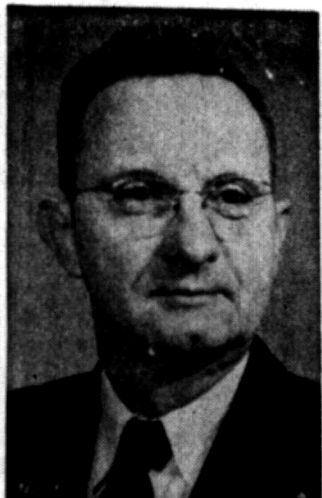
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IN GEORGETOWN, D.C.

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Rev. W. P. Young

Young Goes To Jones County

Rev. W. P. Young has resigned as Superintendent of Missions of Jackson County Association effective October 1, to become Superintendent of Missions of Jones County Association.

Mr. Young has served in this position in Jackson County for the past four years and ten months.

During this time there have been eight churches constituted and there are now three missions. There are a total of 28 churches. These churches have received into their membership by baptism 2,500 members.

The total contributions for this period of time for all the churches and missions amount to \$2,033,896.00 and of this amount \$328,550.00 was given to total mission causes. The Association has well organized Associations such as Sunday School, Training Union, Brotherhood, W. M. U., and Music.

Mr. Young will succeed Rev. C. J. Rushing, who has retired from full-time ministry.



Rev. Robert H. Foy

Robt. H. Foy New Pastor At Pelahatchie

On September 1, Rev. Robert H. Foy assumed his duties as pastor of the Pelahatchie Church.

He went to that post from the DeKalb Church where he had been since November, 1956. Also, for the past five months he served the Blackwater Church, twelve miles south of DeKalb, preaching there every Sunday at 8:30 a. m., which church voted on August 17 to enter a full-time program.

In the Kemper Association Rev. Foy served as moderator and member of the Convention Board. He is from Grenada, having been converted in, licensed and ordained by the First Church there. A graduate of Mississippi College, he received the Bachelor of Divinity degree from the New Orleans Baptist Theological Seminary.

Mrs. Foy, the former Martha Hamby of Europe, is a graduate of Clarke Memorial College and has earned credit toward a B. R. E. degree at the New Orleans seminary. They have two daughters, Ann, 6, and Barbara, 2.

quire hospitalization. Less than one per cent of the total floor space of the building was involved.



Rev. Hoyt Steadman

Evergreen Ordains One To Ministry

Rev. Hoyt Steadman was ordained to the gospel ministry at Evergreen Church, Louisville, Sunday, July 20.

The presbytery was composed of Rev. Harry McGuffee, Rev. Hollis Bryant, Rev. Paul Wilson, Rev. Clyde Williams, Rev. Lester Gardner and deacons from several Baptist churches in the area.

Mr. Steadman was licensed by Evergreen Church Feb. 19 and called as pastor of West Chapel church on June 22.

Mr. Wilson preached the ordination sermon, Mr. Williams gave the charge to the candidate, and Mr. Gardner brought the charge to the church. Dick Sanders, chairman of deacons, presented a Bible to Mr. Steadman as a gift from Evergreen church. Mr. McGuffee led in the ordination prayer.

The newly ordained minister is the son of Mr. and Mrs. Smith Steadman of Drew, and is the husband of the former Louise Bouchillon. They have a daughter, Martha Gay.

Rev. C. R. Wicker, pastor of Bogue Chitto Church, Pike County has resigned to become pastor of the church at Ethel, La.



J. Harold Smith

J. Harold Smith In Myrtle Revival

HEAR J. HAROLD SMITH AT MYRTLE.

Several Baptist churches and pastors in Union County are sponsoring an area-wide revival meeting at Myrtle, September 8 through 18.

Rev. J. Harold Smith, pastor of First Church, Fort Smith, Arkansas will do the preaching. Rev. Smith is pastor of the largest Baptist Church in the state of Arkansas. The church has had over 5,000 additions in the past 8 years under his leadership.

The services will be conducted daily at 8 P. M. under a tabernacle with a seating capacity of 2,400. Any preachers who would like to come and stay on the grounds to attend the services, will be given free beds as many nights as they care to stay. Rev. Percy Ray is pastor of the Myrtle Church.

Miss Linda Moore, daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Winston Moore, of Crowder, has returned after spending twelve weeks at Glory, N. M. as a member of the staff there. She will be a student at Northwest Junior College at Senatobia, Miss this year. Linda is a member of the Crowder Baptist Church.

Off The Record

Placid Housewife to Friend:
I'm glad George isn't perfect—I do like to nag!"

A young woman who had three small children received a gift of a play pen from her uncle and aunt. They were flabbergasted when they received this note from their niece:

"Thank you so much for the pen. It is a perfect godsend. I sit in it every afternoon and read, and the children can't get near me."

"Self-expression" is the creed of the artist who doesn't have much else that is worth expressing.

It is often the case that when Romeo loses his capital, Juliet loses her interest.

A SCOTSMAN on a visit to Canada noticed the mounted head of a bull moose hanging in the hall of the house where he was staying. He asked his host what sort of animal it was.

"Or, that's a moose," was the reply.

"A moose!" exclaimed the Scot. "Good Heavens, what are your rats like over here?"—Tid-Bits.

Boy: "And now, doctor, that I've told you I am going to marry Anne, there's one thing I want to get off my chest."

Doctor: "You just tell me about it, my boy."

Boy: "A tattooed heart with the name Mabel on it."

Son (to busy father): Daddy, who was Mary Magdalene?

Father: Here, I'll read it to you, Son. "Mary called Magdalene, out of whom went seven devils." Luke 8:2.

Father (looking up, irritated): What are you laughing about?

Son: Well, Daddy, if Luke says she was called Magdalene, why didn't he call her Mary?

8 State Nurses Graduate

Eight girls from Mississippi are included in this year's graduating class at Mather School of Nursing, Southern Baptist Hospital, New Orleans, September 5, 1958.

A new class of 110 students will register on September 9. The graduating class represents eleven states and two foreign countries. They are Louisiana, Alabama, Arizona, Florida, Georgia, Kansas, Mississippi, Oklahoma, Tennessee, Texas, Virginia, Canada and Central America.

From Mississippi are Annie Ruth Caves, Clara; Barbara Ann Danielson, Gulfport; Judith Merle Martin, McComb; Alice Seay Mills, Gulfport; Ruth Jacqueline O'Boyle, Pass Christian; Linda Leigh Seal, Picayune; Carol Ann Stewart, Picayune; Mary Beth Sheley, Charleston.

Church of God Relaxes Jewelry Ban

MEMPHIS, Tenn. (RNS)—The Church of God (Cleveland, Tenn.), which traditionally has condemned all forms of jewelry, voted at its 47th biennial General Assembly here to permit communicants to wear wedding bands.

Delegates approved wearing of the rings by a vote of 918 to 841 after the issue had been debated for three days. The change had been recommended by the Supreme Council, the denomination's top official body.

NASHVILLE, Tenn. (BSSB)—

One side of a section of freshly-poured floor of the Baptist Sunday School Board's new Operations Building now under construction, fell August 28. Four men who fell with the collapsing concrete were injured, one seriously enough to re-

139 New Church Sites Needed

STATE MISSIONS DAY IN THE CHURCHES AND SUNDAY SCHOOLS—SEPT. 14

Need Pointed For New Churches

By CHESTER L. QUARLES
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Miss. Baptist Convention Board

More than 130 new Southern Baptist churches and many new missions are needed in Mississippi now, according to a survey just released by the Home Mission Board. Full reports are in from 66 of our 75 associations in the state, and partial reports are in from the others.

Mississippi has more churches per capita than almost any other state in the nation, and Southern Baptists are by far the strongest denominational group, so the fact that there is a need now for so many churches and missions, is amazing to all of us.

The places where the churches and missions are needed are scattered all over the state. The survey reveals that 12 new churches are needed in cities above 50,000; 9 in cities 10,000 to 50,000; 23 in cities of 2,500 to 10,000; 13 in villages and small towns and 48 in open country areas. These figures are from 66 of the associations, and do not include the number of missions needed. They, too, are scattered over the state.

This summary does not include the need for new negro churches. Yet, many of them are needed too, for there are nearly 450,000 unchurched colored people in the state. Mississippi Baptists are seeking to help meet that need through our Negro Work Department.

These facts emphasize the importance of our State Mission program. Through State Missions, we can establish these churches and missions in every area, and it is our purpose to do just that during the period

of the 30,000 Movement and the Jubilee Advance Program, 1959-1964. It is our prayer that by 1964 there shall not be a person in Mississippi who is out of reach of a Baptist Church.

Every Association in the state will be urged to set up a missions committee to assist in finding the needy places and in enlisting the churches in sponsoring the missions and churches. Every church in the state will be asked to participate.

A great beginning in the program can be made now if our churches give liberally to the special State Missions Offering, which is being taken this month. Every dollar of the offering above \$50,000, will go into a special fund for the purchase of sites for new missions and churches.

Experience has taught us that the local association and churches are often unable to purchase a site, but if that is provided, they can start the work. State missions has provided numerous sites where new Baptist Church buildings now stand. It is hoped that Mississippi Baptists will respond so liberally to this year's State Mission Offering that there will be many thousands of dollars available for this site fund. It will be a great beginning for the Advance Program, in which we are now participating.

As we establish these new churches and missions, we shall be helping win Mississippi for Christ. I am confident that every Mississippi Baptist desires to share in that.



State Missions Seen As Basic

By W. C. FIELDS
Editor, The Baptist Record

In 1734 the ministers of Hampshire County, Massachusetts said in a letter to the Bishop of London, "We think we may justly claim the name of a Christian Country or people already."

Like Mark Twain said upon being told a newspaper had reported his death, "This seems to be a slight exaggeration!"

Not even at this propitious hour can we claim the United States as a Christian nation—at least, not without considerable hedging on the point. The fact of the matter is that there is much unfinished business in Christian missions right here at home.

... And Mississippi is no exception! Let us not be confused. "State Missions" in Mississippi is the attempt to win EVERYBODY in this Magnolia State to our Lord. It is just that simple. And there is much still to be accomplished.

In 1790 only 5 per cent of the people in the USA were church members. By 1850 the percentage had risen to 15.5. In 1900 the figure was 35.7 per cent, in 1910 it was 43.4 per cent, and in 1945 at the end of World War II it was 52.5 per cent.

Insofar as church membership represents Christian strength, 1956 was our nearest approach to the millennial status of a "Christian Country." At that time 62 per cent of the citizenry had some church affiliation.

According to a survey just released this week (and reported on page 1 of this issue of *The Baptist Record*) last year we slipped back one notch and our church membership totaled only 61 per cent for 1957.

... And Mississippi is no exception! Of 33 religious bodies now at work in Mississippi among white people Southern Baptists have 61.8 per cent of the total church membership, Methodists 26.2 per cent, Roman Catholics 7.6 per cent, Presbyterians 4.6 per cent, Episcopalians 2 per cent, Disciples 1.3 per cent, with others less than one per cent.

In spite of being in a religious-minded, church-going state right in the middle of the Bible Belt, there are thousands of lost people in these 82 counties. There are multiplied thousands more whose church membership is nominal, to say the least—and they must be reached, too. An embarrassing part of this big state mission task is in reclaiming our own.

We might as well face up to it: we American Christians—including us Baptists—must dig deeper into missions here at home if we expect to go farther in missions on other shores.

... And Mississippi is no exception! This does not mean that America must be completely Christianized before we have any right to try to Christianize the rest of the world. Neither does it mean that Mississippi must be completely churchified before we have mission obligations beyond our borders.

But it does mean that in a very real sense foreign missions waits on home missions and both wait on state missions.

Mission needs were never greater in "Samaritan" and the uttermost parts of the earth, but this special season of State Mission emphasis calls for a recommitment to the task at our doorstep—"both in Jerusalem and in all Judea."

State Shares In 30,000 Movement

By JOE T. ODLE
Associate Executive Secretary
Miss. Baptist Convention Board

The 30,000 Movement is an effort by Southern Baptists to establish 10,000 new churches and 20,000 new missions by 1964.

The enormity of this task is realized when we remember that we have only 31,000 churches now. This means that there must be one new church or mission for almost every church we now have.

Since Mississippi is already so well churchified, the majority of these new churches and missions must be established in the newer territories of the Convention. Nevertheless, a recent survey reveals that we need more than 130 new churches and a large number of new missions right now here in our state.

It is the conviction of our leaders that we should be able to establish 150 new churches and another 150 missions by the end of the 30,000 program in 1964. Our goals must not be less than establishing these churches and missions wherever they

are needed.

State Missions will be our most effective force in reaching these goals.

Through State Missions we can enlist every church and association in this great movement.

Through State Missions we help support the Associational and Area Missionaries who will have such a vital part in starting the new work.

Through State Missions we will help purchase sites, assist in buildings in the most needy areas, help provide pastors and strengthen the whole program of work.

In this year's special State Mission Offering we can have a very tangible part since every dollar given above the minimum goal of \$50,000 will be used to purchase sites for new work.

Through the aid of State Missions, Mississippi Baptists will do their share in the 30,000 Movement. Let every Mississippi Baptist rally to the task.

STATE MISSION FILMSTRIP READY

A new film strip on the Mississippi Baptist State Mission program has been prepared, and is due to be available in time for use in the State Mission Week of Prayer observance and other State Mission emphasis in September.

The 40 frame filmstrip, titled "Mississippi for Christ," is in color, and presents scenes related to every phase of our State Mission program.

A script which accompanies the film, and which is to be read as the film is shown, describes in detail each area where State Missions is serving, and closes with a message from Dr. Chester L. Quarles, Executive Secretary of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board.

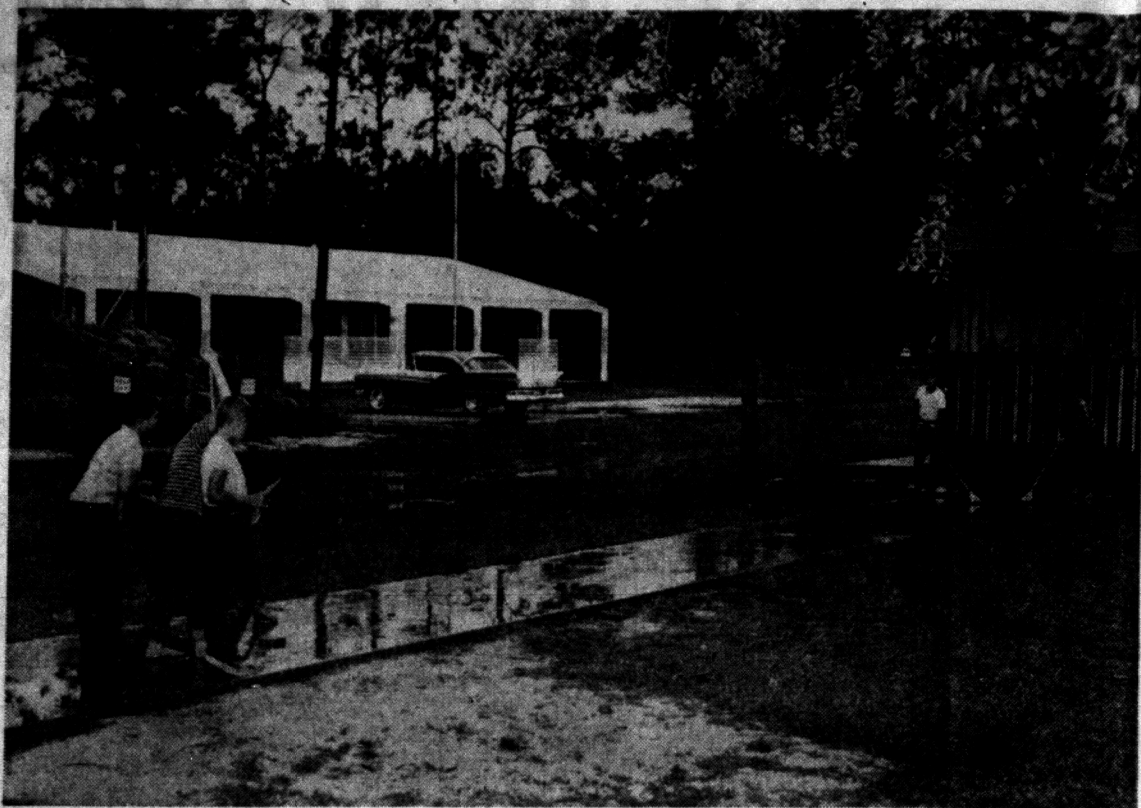
Many churches are planning to use the film in connection with their September State Mission emphasis but the material is so prepared that it may be used at any time a study is being made of State Missions.

The film and script sell for \$2.50 and may be ordered from the Associate Executive Secretary, Mississippi Baptist Convention Board, Box 530, Jackson, Miss.

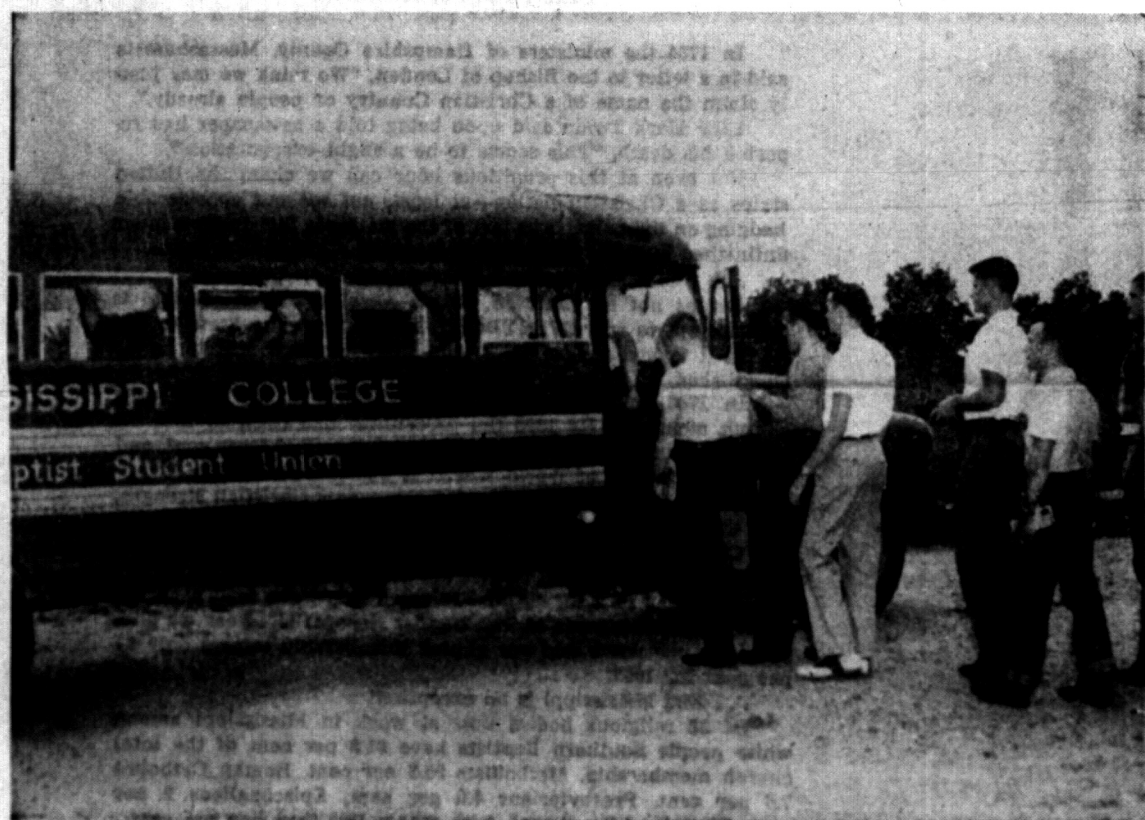


A group of those attending the Chinese Mission in Greenville are seen standing in front of the First Church where services are held. At right is the pastor of the Mission, Rev. Hugh Collins.

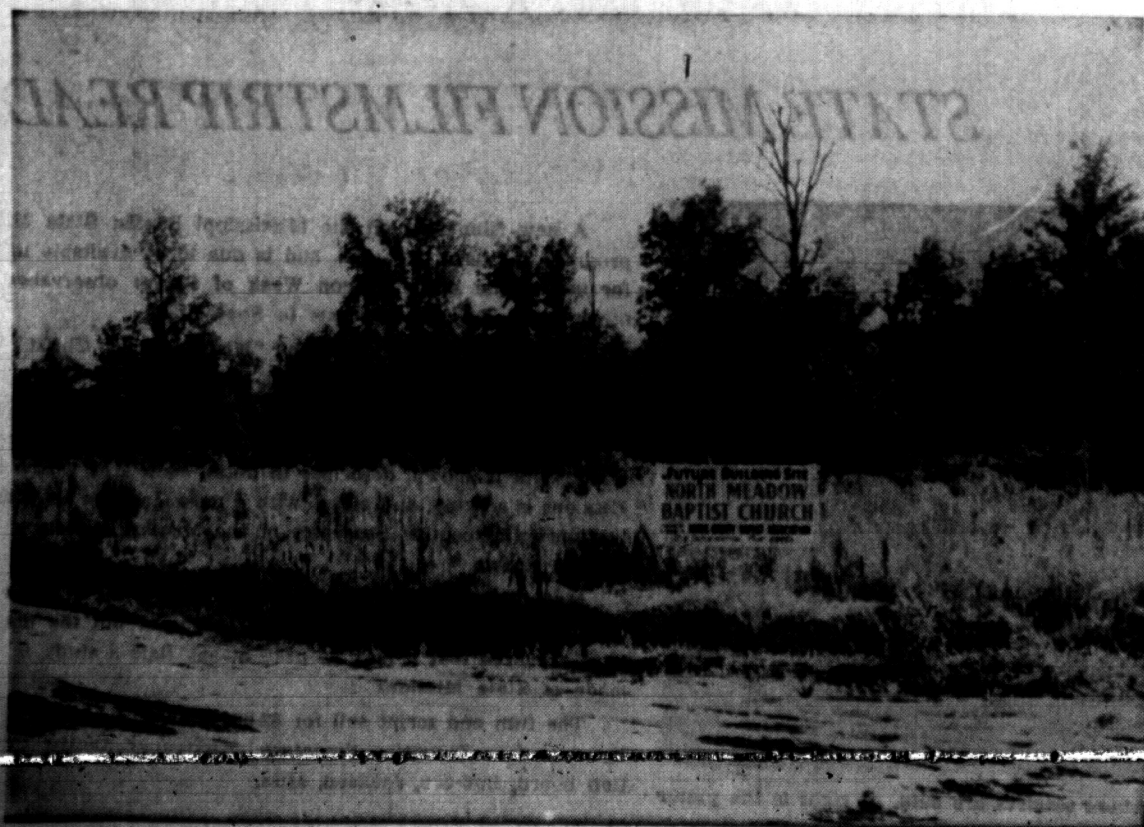
Camps and Assemblies Inspire Many Each Year



Baptist Students Embark for Mission Venture



Site of One of the 30,000 New Churches



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EVERY BAPTIST AND EVERY BAPTIST CHURCH

This year's State Mission Budget is \$358,925.00 of which \$308,925.00 comes from the Co-Operative Program.

The remaining \$50,000 must come from the two Special State Mission Offerings—State Mission Day in the Sunday Schools and Churches, Sunday, Sept. 14, and State W.M.U. Season of Prayer for State Missions, Sept. 15-19.

Churches are urged to write to the office of Dr. Joe T. Odle, P.O. Box 530, Jackson, Miss., for Special Mission Envelopes.

NOTE: State Mission Day has usually been observed the last Sunday in October but this year the State Convention Board is urging all churches to observe Sunday, September 14, or nearest convenient Sunday in order that all funds can be counted in this Convention year's receipts.

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TO MAKE A SPECIAL OFFERING THIS MONTH TO STATE MISSIONS

Special this year—all funds given over the first \$50,000 will go for the purchase of sites in Mississippi for new Churches and Mission Stations in needy areas.

Recent Home Mission Board survey reveals at least 139 sites where Churches and Mission Stations are needed in Mississippi.

In this effort Mississippi is cooperating in the Southern Baptist Convention Movement to establish 30,000 new Churches and Mission Stations during the Baptist Jubilee Advance—1959-64.

SUGGESTION — The suggestion is made that this 2-page spread be removed from the paper after it is read and posted in a conspicuous place in the church where every member can see it.

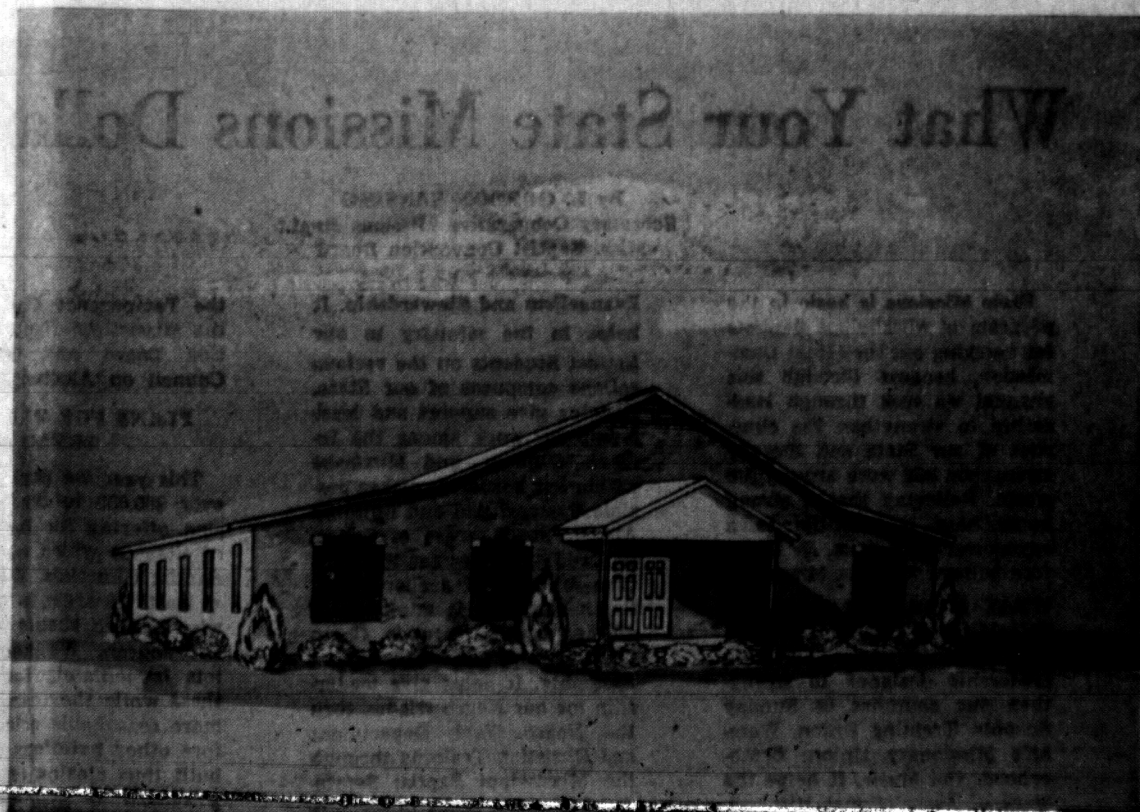
Missions Among the Choctaw Indians



Several Huddle At Annual Pastors' Assembly



Mission Work Among The Negroes Is Supported



Mississippi For Christ

W. M. U. SEASON OF PRAYER FOR STATE MISSIONS — SEPTEMBER 15th-19th

State Missions Is A Scriptural Plan

By LEWIS E. RHODES, Jackson
First Vice-President
Mississippi Baptist Convention

The words "eternal purpose" in Ephesians 3:11 may be accurately translated "the plan of the ages." God is not haphazard. He does not act without plan and purpose. We then must find his plan and follow it. God has a plan for reaching people. What is his plan?

His plan is for his people to reach other people. His is a plan of witnessing. We can witness personally and directly to those living near us. But there is a world that lies beyond our reach. How can we reach the people over all our state?

The plan of God is for us to send messengers. "For whosoever shall call upon the name

of the Lord shall be saved. How then shall they call on him in whom they have not believed? and how shall they believe in him of whom they have not heard? and how shall they hear without a preacher? And how shall they preach, except they be sent (Romans 10:13-15)?"

God's plan for reaching the people in State Missions is by sending messengers. This we can do through giving of our money. Our tithe goes through our local church, through the Cooperative Program, to world-wide missions. But we are to bring the Lord an offering. If all of God's people tithed, God would still expect us to make

an offering of money above the tithe. A special offering for State Missions is within God's plan of stewardship. It would be regrettable to see special offerings discontinued. The special offering of money gives us the opportunity to go a second mile in giving. When we give more, God can do more in State Missions.

God needs money for his work. We have an income of money. We can give money. We should give money. As Christians we want to give money.

This should be our greatest State Missions offering in the history of Mississippi Baptists.

W. M. U.'s Camp Garaywa, Near Clinton



WMU Supports State Missions Emphasis

By MISS EDWINA ROBINSON
Executive Secretary-Treasurer
Miss. Baptist Woman's Missionary Union

Baptist women of Mississippi early manifested concern about "our state." This concern gave expression in the observance of a "State Mission Day" in 1903. The records reveal "that many societies observed it and enlarged contributions resulted." Woman's Missionary Union is vitally concerned about the spiritual needs of Mississippi. Through the years the emphasis has been on prayers, gifts AND efforts!

The week of September 14-22 gives every Mississippi Baptist an opportunity to look objectively at our state. The women

of WMU plan to make preparation by studying a booklet on prayer—"When Thou Prayest"—the first chapter, written by Dr. W. C. Fields, is a presentation of "the ten commandments of prayer" based on Matthew 6:5-15 and Luke 11:1-4. The last chapter is illustrations of answered prayer. Prayer cards have been prepared for each individual member and are to be distributed at the close of the study. The prayer requests as set forth on the card are to be called to daily prayer—specific, definite needs in Mississippi are

given on the card.

On September 22 all missionary societies are to have a prayer program for Mississippi. A brief summary is given of what is being done, what needs to be done and what could be done. Opportunity will be given for all to make an offering. During the week of September 15-22 young women, girls and little children of WMU will be studying state missions, praying for state missions and giving to state missions.

Yes, Woman's Missionary Union is behind this effort—yes—we are IN this effort.

1958 State Missions Budget \$358,925.00

During 1958 the State Mission budget is \$358,925, of which \$308,925 comes from the Cooperative Program. The remainder must come from special offerings for state missions given during W. M. U. Week of Prayer for State Missions and through the State Missions Day in the Sunday School.

The State Missions budget this year is as follows:

Associational Missions	\$25,000.00
Board and Committee Meetings	5,500.00
Brotherhood and R.A.	37,425.00
B.S.U. Campus	32,740.00
B.S.U. Department	17,280.00
Training Union	38,600.00
Chinese Missions	1,200.00
Church Building Aid	10,000.00
Emergency Church Building Aid	1,000.00
Evangelistic Conference	1,500.00
Indian Work	2,250.00
Church Music	15,540.00
Miscellaneous	1,300.00
Negro Work Department	19,125.00
Mississippi Baptist Seminary	21,500.00
Historical Society	2,000.00
Pastoral Aid	5,000.00
Promotion and Tracts	5,000.00
Sanatorium	900.00
Religious Education Association	250.00
Sunday School Department	40,750.00
Camp Garaywa—W.M.U.	10,000.00
Negro Work—W.M.U.	1,500.00
Indian Work—W.M.U.	1,500.00
Convention Expense	4,000.00
Temperance	11,250.00
Kittiwake Baptist Assembly	15,000.00
Kittiwake Assembly—Inst. Note	5,000.00
Cooperative Missions Department	26,415.00
Penitentiary Religious Supplies	400.00
TOTAL	\$358,925.00

Every Sunday School Urged To Give

By E. C. WILLIAMS
Acting Sunday School Secretary
Miss. Baptist Convention Board

There are only two special denominational days in the year when the Sunday schools are asked to make extra financial offerings. One of these is Home and Foreign Missions Day, the last Sunday in March, and the other is the State Missions special in the fall, and the day this year is September 14 or any other Sunday during the month that is convenient to the church.

There is always great need for the expansion of the work here in Mississippi, but now there is a special urgency in this respect, in that we have a fine opportunity to help the Baptist "30,000 Movement."

All the money given in this

State Missions special offering in September over \$50,000.00 will be used to purchase property for the building of new missions and churches.

Here is where the Sunday schools of the state have the privilege of helping in a two-fold way: To help promote our regular program and then to aid in securing property where new places of worship can be started. Already many such places have been definitely located in our own state and the need for work in these is great.

Therefore, we earnestly urge all of our superintendents and other Sunday school leaders to

make special plans for the special State Missions offering in September and in this way have worthy part in this noble cause here at home.

If superintendents will work out a plan with department superintendents and teachers whereby each class and department will have a definite goal toward which to work it will make it easier for all and almost certainly insure a larger offering.

So, Sunday school leaders, let's work hard to make this offering a worthy one because it is certainly for a most noble cause.

What Your State Missions Dollar Does

By L. GORDON SANSING
Secretary Cooperative Missions Dept.
Miss. Baptist Convention Board

State Missions is basic in the program of Mississippi Baptists for carrying out the Great Commission, because through this channel we seek through leadership to strengthen the churches of our State and thereby strengthen our work around the world. Believing that a strong home base is essential to a strong world program, we therefore believe in State Missions.

WHAT YOUR GIFT WILL DO THROUGH STATE MISSIONS
It helps to make available leadership designed to strengthen our churches in Sunday Schools, Training Union, Woman's Missionary Union, Brotherhood, and Music. It helps the work of Associational Missions. It helps in the promotion of

Evangelism and Stewardship. It helps in the ministry to our Baptist Students on the various college campuses of our State. It helps give support and leadership for work among the Indians, Chinese, and Mexicans within our border. It makes possible Pastoral Aid and Building Aid in needy areas of opportunity. It provides for the part-time ministry of a chaplain in the Sanatorium. It ministers to all age groups through Camp Garaywa and Kittiwake Baptist Assembly. It helps give leadership for our Negro friends through the Negro Work Department and Christian Training through the Mississippi Baptist Seminary System. It helps in the promotion of Temperance through

the Temperance Committee of the Mississippi Baptist Convention Board and the church Council on Alcohol Education.

PLANS FOR THE YEAR AHEAD

This year we plan to use all over \$50,000 in the State Mission offering for the purchase of sites on which will be built Baptist Churches. We know of at least 133 areas in Mississippi where there should be a Baptist church. We need to buy lots immediately for many of these while they can be had at more reasonable prices and before other buildings have been built thus closing the door for a church or making the cost prohibitive.

Motivation For Our Missions - The Multitudes

